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Mr. P. Nicholls, German Internal Affairs Dept.  
(through Miss Applebey).

Reference your conversation with Mr. Bishop and myself, I am passing you herewith the various papers connected with the International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

We have received various applications. The issues are rather complicated but the following will, I think, give you a clarification of the picture:-

1. The first application we received was that from Mr. Lesser in his letter of 23rd June in Foreign Office folder C.8609. As a result of this letter, Mr. Chaput de Saintonge sent his letter of 11th July to H.Q. C.C.G. under Ref. C.8379, and to this letter we still await the reply from C.C.G.

2. On our file G/8/524 at Folio 50A there is a further letter from the International Hebrew Christian Alliance dated 29th July; and at Folio 51A a letter dated 20th August from the Oecumenical Refugee Commission in support of the letter from the International Hebrew Christian Alliance of 29th July.

*It did not really ask for a reply RH*  
The new argument put up by the Oecumenical Refugee Commission somewhat clarifies the letter of the Hebrew Christian Alliance of 29th July. It appears that the purpose of the proposed visit by Mr. Ellison on behalf of the Hebrew Christian Alliance is to be the investigation and clearing up of claims by persecutees in order to prepare valid proposals for submission to the I.R.O.

You have stated to Mr. Bishop that, in your view, no reply can be sent to Mr. Ellison's letter of 29th July until C.C.G. reply to the letter from Mr. Chaput de Saintonge. I agree. It would, therefore, seem desirable that a hastener is sent to Berlin, and I can't help feeling that this is more a question of welfare for yourself than one of religious affairs for our Department. I am, however, passing this minute through Miss Applebey for her comments on the refugee aspect.

Pending the reply from C.C.G. to Mr. Chaput de Saintonge, we have merely sent a short note to the Oecumenical Refugee Commission, as at 52A, to say that an immediate decision on the visit by Mr. Ellison cannot yet be made.

3. I also enclose in file G/8/206 a letter dated 12th December from Mr. Lesser to Mrs. Reeve. This calls for no particular action, and we have merely acknowledged formally, but it is an indication, I think, that the Hebrew Christian Alliance are trying "to turn on the heat".

*Testimony to Israel*

As it is plain that further action now depends upon the answer we get from C.C.G. to Mr. Chaput de Saintonge's letter, I would be grateful if you would either take the further action required or let me have your comments.

*John Churchill*

John Churchill  
German Education Department.

22nd September, 1947,  
Room 215 NH, Ext. 219.

35.

There is a fund (or there will be when there is anything to put in it) called the non-monetary gold fund which is administered through the I.R.O. This consists of assets derived from articles such as gold teeth fillings from concentration camp victims. The Paris Reparations conference of 1945-6 ruled that this fund should be divided as is 90% to the Jews & as is 10% to the gentiles. The 90% is administered by the I.R.O. through the Jewish Agency & the A.D.C. whose agents would presumably assist in the preparation of claims. I should doubt if there was any need for a third party to interfere. <sup>however</sup> As is indicated in 51A the Jewish Agency have in fact appointed Mr. Ullow as their agent it is a valid reason. I am afraid I have no idea of the volume of claims nor have the London office of the I.R.O. What is clear is that there is as yet very little in the fund.

I enclose a copy of a further letter I have received from Mr. Ullow. It looks as though I may have to let him go on the

children's side. I cannot deal with the second part of the letter.  
I will keep you in touch with any further consultations I have.

Mary Appleby.

23/9.

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McC Churchill

I am full of apprehension.

There seem to be so many Jews with some sort of  
interest in Jews and near Jews, a fact which is readily  
used by the opposition to copy their letters to all and sundry,  
and hope for replies prepared ~~—~~ without complete consultation.

I do not think that we can avoid a multiplicity of  
interests within the Foreign Office, but it wd. be valuable to  
have one co-ordinating body; I suggest that this ought  
all to be basically a 'religious affair'.

However to show willing I have drafted a further letter  
to Germany; I feel that it is very incomplete and  
conflicted, and that the only safe thing is to have a  
meeting of all those interested. If we ever succeed in  
handing the letter, we might well ask for someone to  
come over from Germany to discuss the position.

I wd. suggest that you put this all up to  
Mr Crawford, who perhaps wd. summon some meeting (apart  
from ourselves, Mr French & Miss Appleby are interested,  
and Mr Hogarth of COBSRA wd. no doubt like to come if  
we can admitt him to our councls.)

P. Nicklin.  
25/9

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M<sup>r</sup> Crawford.

We spoke about the rather complicated issues that are arising over Jewish affairs. The position is set out in the above minutes which shd. be studied in the following order:-

N<sup>o</sup> 34N<sup>o</sup> 35N<sup>o</sup> 36.

In his minute no: 36 you will note that Mr. P. Nicholls seeks approval for the draft letter at 36<sup>A</sup> & suggests that it be considered by a meeting of the interested parties. I think this would be a wise course. I understand you will take up with Mr. Irving.

We have now received a further application which is dealt with at folios 37<sup>A</sup>, 38<sup>A</sup>, 39<sup>A</sup>. While this is a severe if yet another separate issue I feel that it should be borne in mind by the a/m proposed meeting as it is another indication that Jewish organizations are trying, in my view, to start increasing pressure upon us for the granting of specially favoured treatment.

John Churchill

1/10/47

Mr Irving

It is inevitable that there should be a number of fingers in this pie but some one dept must clearly take the lead in considering the matter and coordinating comments. It is clearly not a Religious Affairs matter; if it were, Hebrew Christians could be dealt with in the same way as other German Christians. Nor for ~~Wednesday~~ reason is it a welfare matter pure and simple. The truth is that it is essentially a political question, and it cannot be handled separately from the other Jewish questions concerning both French, ~~It~~ and German Jews which come before this dept. So far your dept. has taken the lead in this and I think it should do so here. Otherwise, we shall make the already confused question still more confused. My dept. could be represented at the meeting but I think you should call it.

6/x RSC

39.

R. Crawford

I appreciate the compliment you pay to my department but hasten to disclaim for myself any personal responsibility for such efforts as the Dept. has

made in the tackling of Jewish problems. In fact, it was under your leadership that these efforts were initially inspired!

While I agree that there is a certain tendency for Jewish questions, like Jews, to stick together and to get mixed up in politics, I think we should endeavour to separate them and classify them according to the normal functional classification of subjects dealt with by the German Section, and to keep Welfare with Welfare, Religion with Religion, D.P.s with D.P.s, and so on. On that basis, my interest in these files is a very small one, being confined to the question of liaison with the I.R.O. on the disposal of their non-monetary gold fund and the proposed visit to Germany of Dr. Ellison. On this I have written to the I.R.O. as at ~~4~~<sup>40</sup> A.

On these grounds, as well as on account of the fact that this is the first time I have seen these files and my ignorance of the complicated questions which they deal with is very profound, I hope I may be excused from taking this meeting which seems to me more appropriate to

you or M<sup>o</sup> Chaput de Saintonge. I should, however,  
like to be present or represented.

Please see the latest correspondence at 41A.

9/10/47.  
German Refugee Agt.

Ullswater

**CYPHER**  
(Paraphrasing  
unnecessary)

**OUTWARD TELEGRAM**

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUEBECKE

No 11950 Basic D 11.45 am 31st December 1947

31st December 1947

Repeated Berlin (Public Health) No 7160 Basic  
Bad Salzuflen (E & E) No 11950 Basic

IMPORTANT

CONFIDENTIAL

Addressed to Lubbecke telegram No 11950 Basic of  
31st December 1947 repeated to Berlin and Bad Salzuflen.

German children to Sweden.

Your CCG 12315 of 12th November.

Swedish Government states that there will be no  
change in policy hitherto followed and the number of German  
children brought to Sweden remains at 500. The proposal  
to bring 2,000 children to Sweden is not favourably considered.  
The Swedish Government prefer any additional relief activities  
to be confined as hitherto to supply of food etc. in Germany.  
No change in policy is contemplated.

Swedish Government will inform the BONDE/SODERMAN  
Committee of this decision and they do not wish the Committee  
to hear of the decision through other channels.

Originator: Mr Chitty (G18/47)

Distribution: Mr Talbot Northern Dept  
Mr Boothby United Nations Refugee  
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Mr BAB Burrows

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUBBECKE

No 11929 Basic

D 7.30 pm

30th December 1947

30th December 1947

Repeated Berlin No 7147 Basic

Bund<sup>e</sup> (Religious Affairs) No 11929 Basic

UNCLASSIFIED

Addressed to Lubbecke telegram No 11929 Basic of  
30th December 1947 repeated Berlin and Bund<sup>e</sup>.

Our No 11696 Basic of 22nd December 1947.

Visit of Mr LEVISON.

Urgently request immediate calling forward.

Originator:

Mrs Randolph Rose (G23/657)

Distribution:

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Refugee Dept (6 copies)

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CYPHER  
(Paraphrasing  
unnecessary)

# ACTION COPY

FOREIGN OFFICE  
C. R. DIVISION  
31 DEC 1947 INWARD TELEGRAM  
NORFOLK HOUSE  
(GERMAN SECTION)

FROM LUBBECKE TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

CCG 13065 D 1.30 pm 30th December 1947

30th December 1947 R 6.30 pm 30th December 1947

Repeated Berlin

IMMEDIATE

CONFIDENTIAL

Relief work for Christian Jews.

Your G23/657 of 27th November 1947 and No 11696  
Basic of 22nd December 1947.

Correspondence referred to in telegram not yet received. On present information we are not prepared to sponsor the visit of Mr LEVISON either from a Religious or a Welfare point of view for the following reasons.

(a) The question of visits of German children to Sweden is at present under consideration by you (CCG 12315 of 12th November 1947 refers) and it seems undesirable to make any selection of children at this stage.

(b) The amount of food to be sent does not seem to justify the personal supervision of Mr LEVISON since there are 20 friends and co-workers listed as already in Germany who should be able to cope with the task.

(c) The re-organisation of the Hebrew Christian Alliance would be a very worthy task but there is no evidence that it exists as a separate Religious body in this country of any size or influence and it is suspected that the proposed re-organisation is an intention to proselytize. If you are prepared to sponsor this visit the necessary arrangements can be made but we would prefer first to see correspondence referred to in your telegram.

2. As regards Mr LESSER your C 8379/7678/180 of 11th July 1947 was answered by Berlin in a letter reference HQ/11101/3/2 SEC G of 2nd August 1947. Mr LESSER's previous visit was not satisfactory. Further investigations and personal contact with him have confirmed the opinion that the Hebrew Christian testimony of Israel is not an efficient Relief organisation. No very respectable counterpart exists in Germany and it is suspected that this also is an intention to proselytize. Further relief of Christian Jews is efficiently covered by existing charitable church organisations. Mr LESSER's visit is not recommended.

3. Mr ELLISON has wider connections than the above mentioned two and his visit is certainly to be recommended. When the time comes for calling him forward you will no doubt

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bear in mind that although IRO can recommend visits they must be sponsored by P.DP Division.

Action: Mrs Randolph Rose (G23/657)  
Immediate Info: Mr J H Moore  
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Mr Burrows) with telegram  
Dr Klatt ) under reference  
CS Division (3 copies)

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WJM/RHR

FOREIGN OFFICE,

S.W.1.

Ref. G23/657.

24th December, 1947.

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P.W. & D.P. Division,  
C.C.G. (B.E.),  
Lubbecke,  
66 H.Q., C.C.G.,  
B.A.O.R.

Further to Paragraph 1 of our signal 11696 Basic  
of 22nd December, enclosed are copies of the correspondence  
referred to.

*Burd.*

Refugee Department.

EN CLAIR

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUBBECKE

No. 11696 Basic D. 8.35 pm 22nd December 1947

22nd December 1947

Repeated BERLIN No. 7010 Basic  
BUNDE (Religious Affairs) No. 11696 Basic

IMMEDIATE

UNCLASSIFIED

Addressed to Lubbecke telegram No. 11696 of 22nd December, repeated to Berlin and Bunde.

Visit of Mr. LEVISON, Vice-President of International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

Bundes' letter INTR/73018/1/RA of 3rd December addressed to you (para 2.)

The International Hebrew Christian Alliance have now sent us copies of correspondence from Sweden revealing that the latter is prepared to take a number of Christian Jewish children. The Alliance also assure us that they have purchased food parcels in Denmark to the value of £3000. Copies of this correspondence follow.

2. We feel that Mr. LEVISON has good reasons for visiting Germany and would be grateful if you would arrange to call him forward. He is anxious to leave U.K. on 7th January and would like to remain in the Zone for about 14 days.

3. Expenses to be borne by International Hebrew Christian Alliance.

Originator: Mr. J. H. Moore (G23/657)

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# The International Hebrew Christian Alliance

(Headquarters: Memorial House, 19 Draycott Place, London, S.W. 3)

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SWITZERLAND, PALESTINE, SOUTH AFRICA

From the Vice-President: Rev. N. Levison, B.D., 150 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, 6.

Mrs. Randolph-Rose

18/12/47.

The Foreign Office,

Dear Mrs. Randolph-Rose,

London, S.W. 1.

I enclose a letter which reached this afternoon from Pastor Birger Pernow of Stockholm.

You will see from it that Pastor Pernow is ready to take 25 of our children after January 15th, of this twenty five 14 have already been selected by a person we do not know, though the group he works with is the group we work with in Berlin, this is most unsatisfactory from my view point, for I have asked various centers to recommend children and my list is a very long one, nevertheless I shall accept the fourteen children already selected when I go into Germany providing they are Hebrew Christians and belong to our group in Germany, and I will select the other eleven, and also the other 25 so that they will be ready to go as soon as Pastor Pernow can make the necessary arrangements.

Part of the reason that is taking me to Germany is just that we are paying the piper and others are calling the tune. The last lot of food we sent was clearly designated to six different centers in Germany, but as far as I can make out the whole of it was brought to Berlin from Lübeck and the other centers did not get anything. The excuse was that the food was not packed well enough to go to Hamburg, Frankfurt etc, but if it was not fit to go from Lübeck to Hamburg, it should not have been fit to go to Berlin

which is very much further away. Now we are being faced with the same sort of thing regarding the children, they have started selecting before we have had a chance to select our own group. I am of course very grateful to the Swedish Church for helping us out by taking the fifty children, but I am a little disappointed at the way they are handling the matter. The children I want to get this chance are those of Hebrew Christians who had been in concentration camps, and who have not the means of maintaining their families at the present time, not just children of Hebrew Christians. Of course those already selected may belong to the type I want, but I have no means of telling if that is the case, I want to be in a position to assure our American friends who are paying most of the money for these children that they are what our secretary in the U.S.A. represents them to be, viz, children of needy and worthy Hebrew Christians.

With the Compliments of the Season.

Your faithfully,

*N. Detison*

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"Shalom,"

Brockenhurst Road, Ramsgate.

TELEPHONE: RAMSGATE 669

FOR ATTENTION OF MISS DRAKE.

18th December 1947.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Foreign Office,  
Whitehall, S.W.3.

Dear Sir,

May I refer to your interview with our Vice-President,  
the Rev. N. Levison?

I enclose herewith the Svenska Israelsmissionen's  
guarantee concerning the admission of children from Germany to  
Sweden.

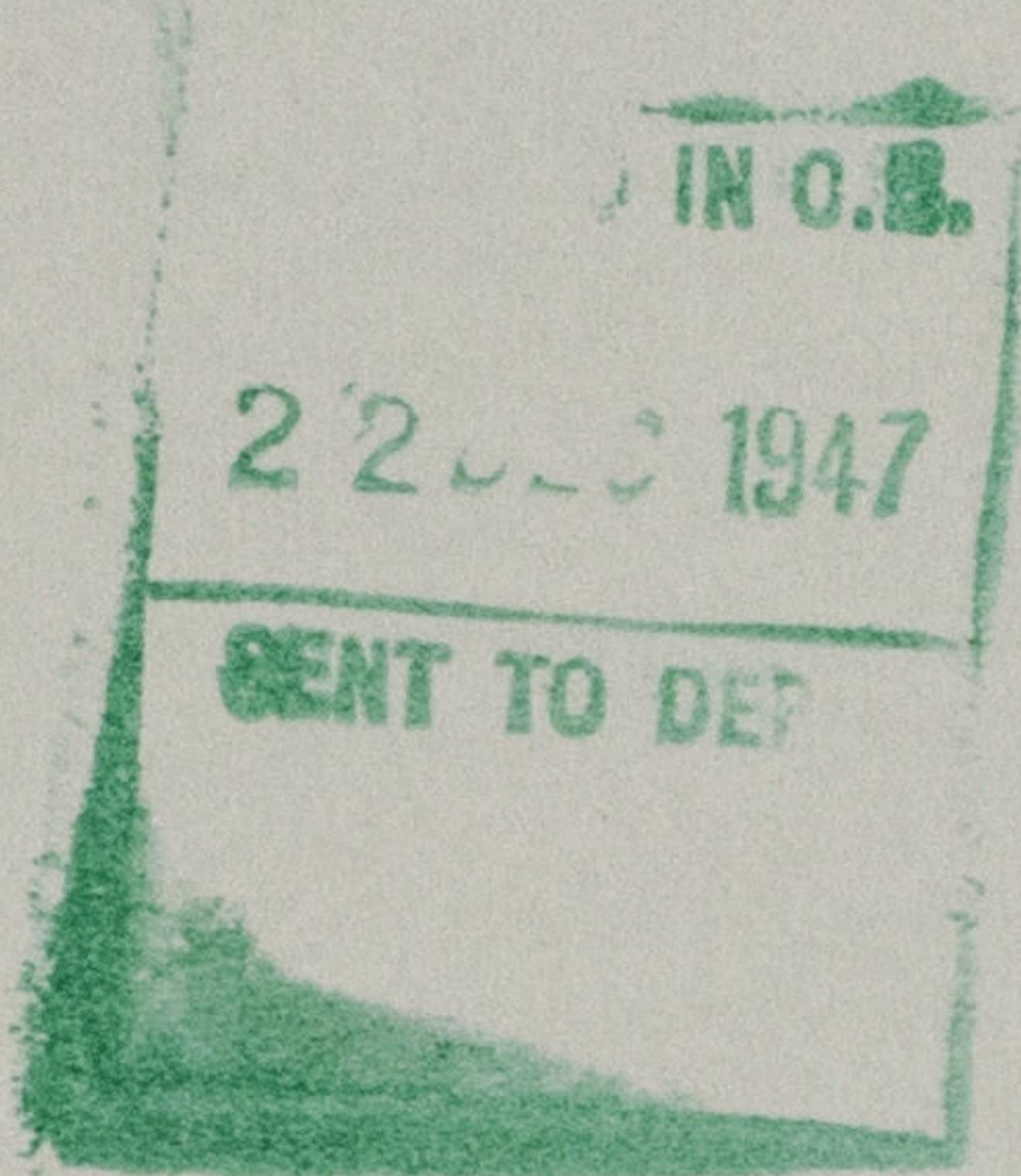
I understand that you also desire me to confirm that  
we have purchased food parcels in Denmark to the value of  
£3,000. These parcels are being sent now to selected  
destinations in Germany, Hungary, France, Holland and Roumania.

Yours faithfully,

*Harcourt Samuel*

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Recording Secretary & Treasurer.



SVENSKA ISRAELSMISSIONEN  
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**Missionsdirektor:**

Pastor BIRGER PERNOW

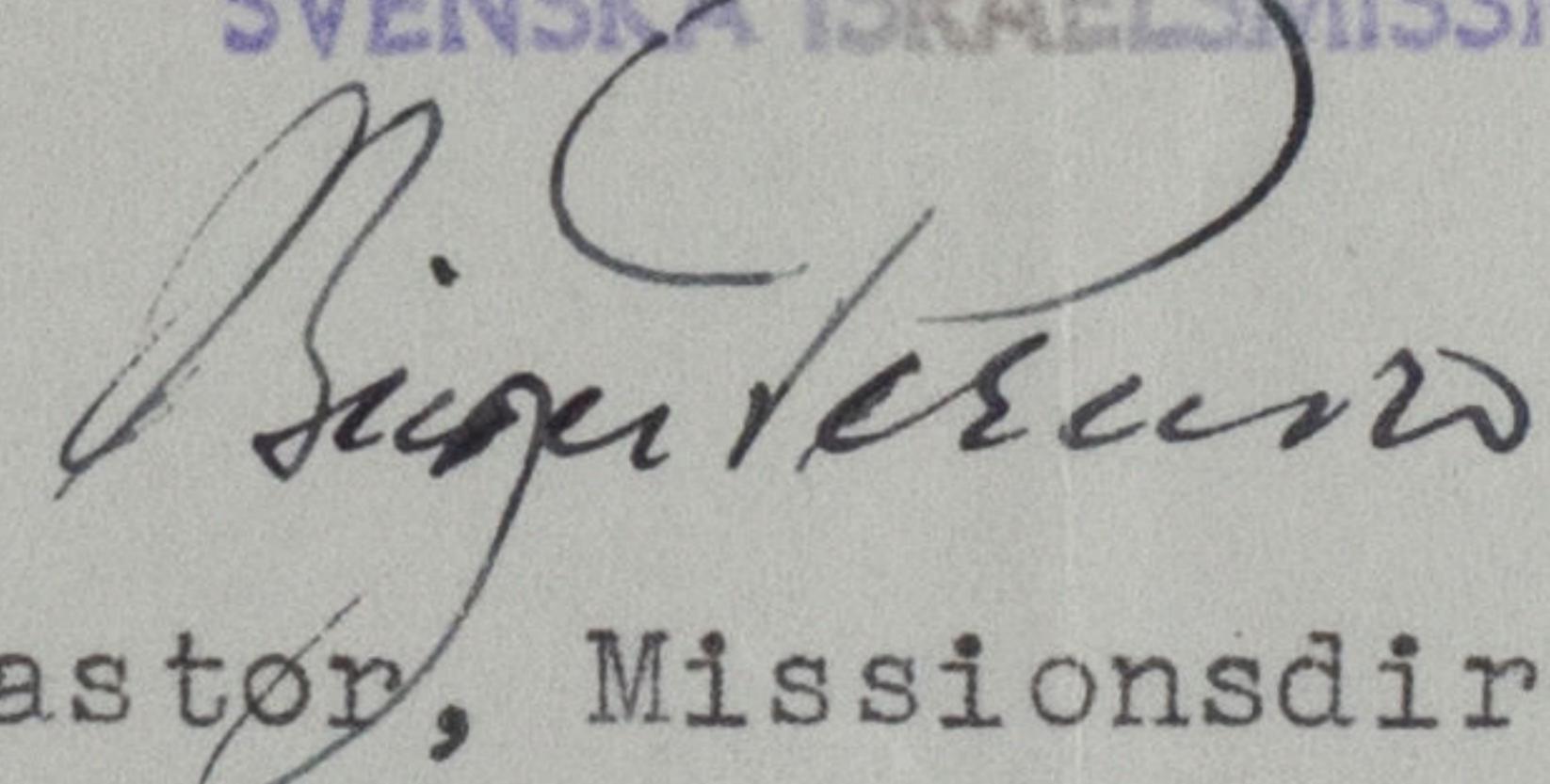
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STOCKHOLM den 10. Dezember 1947.  
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Hiemit wird zu amtlichem Gebrauche bezeugt, dass  
Statens Utlänningskommission, d.i. die behörige Instanz der  
Kgl. Schwedischen Regierung, der unterzeichneten Mission  
die Erlaubnis erteilt hat, 100 (hundert) Kinder zu einem  
Erholungsaufenthalt nach Schweden zu nehmen. Von dieser  
Lizenz wurde bis zum heutigen Tag in 65 (fünfundsechzig)  
Fällen Gebrauch gemacht, sodass noch  
die Einreiselizenz für 35 Kinder  
frei ist und zur Verfügung steht.

F.d.

SVENSKA ISRAELSMISSIONEN

  
Birger Pernow

Pastor, Missionsdirektor.

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From the Vice-President: Rev. N. Levison, B.D., 150 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, 6.

17/12/47.

Mrs. P. Randolph-Rose,

Foreign Office,

London, S.W.1.

Dear Mrs. Randolph-Rose,

Your letter of the 12th inst reached me this morning, and I hasten to reply as far as possible to your request, and to say that as far as the food is concerned I am able to comply with your request, but in regards to the letter from the Swedish Government I cannot furnish the document you require for we have not dealt with the Swedish Government directly but with the Swedish Church through Pastor Birger Pernow the head of their Jewish Mission work.

As regards the food you will see from the enclosed contract with Fritz Johansen & Co. that I bought three thousand pounds of food from that firm last month, of which one thousand six hundred and fifty pounds is being dispatched to Germany and the rest to other European countries.

I also enclose a letter from Berlin in which there is an acknowledgment of the food to the amount of two thousand six hundred pounds sent by the same firm in Denmark at the cost of two thousand five hundred pounds which reached Germany in the month of July of this year.

I enclose the copy of the letter from Pastor Birger Pernow re the

children's reception in Sweden. Pastor Birger Pernow was in London at the end of last month, unfortunately he had to return in a hurry to Sweden and I could not see him personally. Our Recording Secretary the Rev, Harcourt Samuel met him and reported to have made the following arrangements.

- (1) The Swedish Church will accept fifty children from Germany of Hebrew Christian origin, ages from eight to twelve.
- (2) It will collect the children at points to be agreed upon, and pay the fare for transport to Sweden.
- (3) It will feed and cloth the children during the course of one year.
- (4) They will pay return fare and arrange for care for the children to the destination that shall be agreed upon in Germany.
- (5) The International Hebrew Christian Alliance will pay the Sawnske Israelitmission, a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds sterling in Kroner.

This is the arrangement reached at between ourselves and the Swedish friends, and I have asked our Recording Secretary to have these drawn up and signed by the Swedish party and ourselves and forward you a copy. I hope that it will have reached you by now. I may add that we have obtained the Treasury consent to send the four thousand pounds to Sweden in Kroner which the Bank of England will issue against dollars that we give to it.

I trust that this will meet the requirements you need for the Control Commission.

I hope to be in London on Monday the 24th inst and I will call if convenient to arrange for my going to Germany on the 6th of January.

With the compliments of the Season.

Yours faithfully,

*N. J. S.*

Gruendungsausschuss der  
**Arbeitsgemeinschaft christlicher Hilfsstellen**

für

**Raserverfolgte nichtjüdischen Glaubens in Deutschland**

Central Committee of Christian Aid Societies for Racial Persecutees of non-Jewish Faith in Germany (in foundation)

Präsident:

PROBST H. GRUEBER

(1) Berlin W 15, den Sept. 29, 1947.  
Kurfürstendamm 193/194  
Zimmer 429 e  
Telefon: 910211 (App. 140)

Rev. Nahum Levison, B.D.  
Vice-President  
International Hebrew Christian Alliance  
St. Ninian's Manse,  
150, Ferry Road,  
Edinburgh, 6,  
Scotland.

Dear Rev. Levison,

From Rev. Harcourt Samuel's letter of July 24th I had learned of your proposed visit to Germany in September and had hoped to welcome you here in Berlin and to give you a detailed report about our annual conference which has just taken place at Hanover and at which our affiliated committees from all over Germany participated.

With gratitude and appreciation your splendid gift of food was spoken of which had come as a godsend to so many of our people.

As you can imagine numerous delegates expressed their fears with regard to the food situation during the coming winter. At Berlin alone we have about 2.000 children suffering from tuberculosis to care for.

I am aware that the purchase of food in England has become more difficult of late. But we are naturally anxious to distribute some gifts at least for Xmas amongst the most needy of our folk and would be ever so grateful if you would help us for this purpose.

Trusting you do not object to my asking again for your kind assistance and thanking you in anticipation, with all kind regards and best wishes

yours sincerely

*H. E. Hessel*  
(H. E. Hessel, chairman)

# F R I T S J O H A N S E N & C O.

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## EXPORT-IMPORT

KØBENHAVN

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KØBENHAVN, D. 4th December 1947  
MITCHELLSGADE 2, V.  
TELEFON CENTRAL 5595 & 12195  
P/gp.

The Rev. N. Levison, B.D.,  
The International Hebrew Christian Alliance,  
St. Ninian's Manse, 150 Ferry Road,  
Edinburgh 6, Scotland.

Dear Mr. Levison,

We have pleasure in informing you that from the "Svenske  
Israelsmissionen", Stockholm, we have had transferred

Danish Kroner 57.796,15 = £ 2.988-8-6.

The difference between this amount and 3.000 £ being the  
difference of the rate of exchange and commission of the bank  
partly between £ and Swedish Kroner, and partly between Swedish  
Kroner and Danish Kroner.

At the same time we beg to inform you that we have spoken  
with the Rev. Birger Pernow, who had not had an opportunity of  
seeing you in London regarding the food which is for the present  
noted for Roumania. We have hastened the packing of these parcels  
and hope that they will be ready for shipment during the next week.  
We should therefore be obliged to hearing from you whether a  
decision has been made as to the goods being sent to Roumania or  
Germany, because if destined for Germany we should prefer all  
the parcels to be sent together.

We have received a letter from

Gründungsausschuss der Arbeitsgemeinschaft christ-  
licher Hilfsstellen für Rasseverfolgte nichtjüdischen  
Glaubens in Deutschland,  
Kurfürstendamm 193/194, Berlin W. 15,

from which we learn that you have informed the Rev. Grüber that  
food will arrive to Berlin, and that the Rev. Grüber is a presi-

p.t.o.

4th December, 1947

The Rev. N. Levison, Edinburgh 6, Scotland.

dent for

Evangelischen Hilfsstelle für ehemals Raserverfolgte,  
Berlin SO 36, Adalbertstrasse 23 a.,

and that the latter organization expects the goods.

We have in our letter of the 28th ult. inquired whether the food was to be sent to

Evangelisch Konsistorium der Mark Brandenburg,  
Parochialstrasse 1-3 - Berlin C. 2.

Please, inform us as soon as possible which address is the right one, and whether the food can be addressed to Y.M.C.A., Lübeck for re-forwarding.

With the kindest regards to Mrs. Levison and yourself,

Yours very sincerely,

FRITS J. HANSEN & CO  
*Frits J. Hansen*

Agreement.

It is agreed between The International Hebrew Christian Alliance represented by The Rev. N. Levison, Edinburgh, and Messrs. Frits Johansen & Co., Copenhagen, represented by manager Niels Petersen,

that in return for a payment in Sterling of £ 3.000 - the counter-value of which in Swedish Kroner will be transferred from Bank of England over Sveriges Riksbank, Stockholm, to our account in Den Danske Landmandsbank, Copenhagen, Messrs. Frits Johansen & Co. will send food-parcels containing:

I. 2 kilos bacon  
1 kilo sugar  
1 " rolled oats  
" or barley  
1 " margarine  
1 " cheese 40%  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " pure lard  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " chocolate

7 kilos

at a price of £ 2.10.0

II. 2 kilos bacon  
1 kilo sugar  
1 " cheese  
1 " margarine  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " pure lard  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  " chocolate  
1 tin ox-meat 1 kg gross for net  
7 kilos

at a price of 2.16.0.

The prices include freight, insurance, also theft, and all costs delivered to the places mentioned below.

If 7 kilo cardboard containers cannot be procured the goods will be packed in 5 kilo parcels, but thus that the total quantity will not be altered.

Every single kind of goods is packed separately. The goods: sugar, rolled oats, barley and cheese will be packed in cardboard containers, whereupon all the goods are packed in double card-board containers. Finally the cardboard containers will be packed in strong wooden boxes.

In the event of the government refusing to allow any of the foregoing items of food to be exported, an article agreed mutually may be substituted.

According to agreement will be delivered:

|                        |     |         |       |                            |                  |
|------------------------|-----|---------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Germany:</u>        | 280 | parcels | No. I | of £ 2-10-0, c.i.f. Lübeck | £825- 0-0        |
|                        | 295 | "       | II    | " £ 2-16-0, "              | " £826- 0-0      |
| <u>Czechoslovakia:</u> | 36  | "       | II    | " £ 2-16-0, "              | Praha £100-16-0  |
| <u>Roumania:</u>       | 200 | "       | I     | " £ 2-10-0, "              | Malmoë £500- 0-0 |
|                        | 176 | "       | II    | " £ 2-16-0, "              | " £492-16-0      |

£2,744-12-0

If it can be arranged by the Rev. Pernow that the goods are sent to Roumania through The Swedish red Cross the 376 parcels in question will be placed to disposal for Mr. Pernow in Sweden. If this, contrary to expectation, cannot be done, so that delivery is to take place through the Swiss Red Cross via Antwerp we will deliver the goods c.i.f. Antwerp.

According to agreement we are waiting for further information by cable from Mr. Arne Solheim, Bucaresti, whether the said 376 parcels are to be sent to Roumania at all. In case it appears that the goods are not to be sent to Roumania we agree to the fact that the goods will be sent to Germany on the same terms as above mentioned.

Of the above said sum is an amount of £ 250 placed by The International Hebrew Christian Alliance to the disposal for Church of Scotland, represented by Mr. Macanna.

According to agreement the following will have to be delivered to Hungary:

90 parcels No.II of £ 2-16-0, Basis c.i.f. Lübeck, = £ 252.

These 90 parcels for Hungary will be sent by truck, and the difference in the price, which is on the basis of c.i.f. Lübeck, is to be regulated by Mr. Pernow.

The exact addresses of all receivers has to be stated separately to Messrs. Frits Johansen & Co.

Messrs. Frits Johansen & Co. guarantee for the quality of the goods and for their due arrival to Lübeck, Antwerp, Praha and Budapest.

It is further agreed between the above parties that as soon as the said sum has been paid, and when the licence has been obtained and the raw materials have been placed at disposal, Messrs. Frits Johansen & Co. will do everything for executing the order as soon as possible.

This agreement is subject to alteration of prices and taxes fixed by the government.

Edinburgh, the 29th October, 1947.

The International Hebrew Christian  
Alliance

*N. Levison*

N. Levison

Frits Johansen & Co.

*Niels Petersen*

Niels Petersen

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

12th December, 1947.

(G 23/657)

Dear Sir,

I am writing with reference to your proposed visit to Germany and in particular to Mr. Chitty's letter of 27th November to you on this matter.

The Control Commission for Germany must have copies of the invitation given by the Swedish Government to the 50 Hebrew Christian children.

They also require details of the extent of the purchases of food made in Denmark.

I will be grateful, therefore, if you will let me have an early reply, by return if possible, so that arrangements for your visit may be completed by the beginning of 1948.

Yours faithfully,

P. Randolph-Rose.

(P. Randolph-Rose) (Mrs.)

The Reverend N. Levison, B.D.,  
150, Ferry Road,  
Edinburgh 6.

Ext. 2599

Religious Affairs Branch  
Zonal Executive Offices  
C.C.G. B U E N D E  
62 H.Q., C.C.G., B.A.O.R.

Ref.: INTR/73018/1/RA

3rd December 1947

To:- D/COS (Exec) ., Luebbecke



Subject: Three visits proposed by Hebrew Christian Alliance.

Reference letter dated 27th Nov 1947 from German Refugee Dept. to HQ., CCG., Berlin. G 23/657.

The following are the views of this Branch upon the proposed visits of Mr. H.R. Lesser, the Revd. N. Levison B.D., and the Revd. H.L. Ellison B.A., B.D.

1. Mr. Lesser's previous visit was not, in the opinion of the Branch, satisfactory. Further investigation and personal contact with Mr. Lesser and his work in London confirmed our opinion that the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel was not an efficient Relief Organisation. It is clear that a good deal of proselytizing is intended and no very reputable counterpart exists in Germany as a religious organisations. If his visit is to be sponsored at all which we do not recommend it must be sponsored for reasons that bring it under the heading of Welfare.

2. Mr. Levison appears to have good reasons for visiting Germany; but previous dealings we have had with this Alliance suggest that it would be wise to investigate the reasons very carefully:-

(a) The selection of Jewish children to go to Sweden should be preceded by checked assurances that Sweden is prepared to take them. I feel that we should have copies of the invitation. Real hurry may be done if children are selected and then not able to go.

(b) If the food purchased in Denmark is in considerable quantity it may well justify the personal supervision of Mr. Levison; but if it is only a matter of a few parcels, the 20 friends and co-workers who are listed as already in Germany should be able to cope adequately with the matter. We ought to have some details of the extend of the purchase made in Denmark.

(c) The reorganisation of the Hebrew Christian Alliance would be a very worthy task if there was any evidence that it exists as a separate religious body in this country of any considerable size or influence. So far as our information goes, it appears to be a scattered band of well wishers, enthused by correspondence and gifts from Whitechapel. I expect that the suggestion to reorganize is in fact to proselytize, which we cannot approve.

3. Mr. Ellison has wider connections than the above mentioned two and his visit may help to clear up the whole issue. His position in the Mildmay Mission to the Jews, his connection with the Ecumenical Refugee Commission and our personal knowledge of him recommend him as a valuable visitor. As the purpose for his visit would principally concern the distribution of the 10% non-monetary gold fund set apart by the Paris Reparation Conference, it <sup>might</sup> be better be sponsored by Welfare in which <sup>case</sup> we should be willing to concur. This point will arise when Mr. Ellison is called forward later.

*St. Robertson*

for Religious Affairs Adviser

EHR/RP

Copies to:- 1. Norfolk House  
2. HQ., C.C.G., Berlin

CYPHER  
(Paraphrasing  
unnecessary)

ACTION COPY

INWARD TELEGRAM

FROM BERLIN TO FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

No 4081 Basic

D ----- 2nd December 1947

2nd December 1947

R 10.24 am 2nd December 1947

Repeated LUBBECKE  
BUNDE

IMPORTANT

CONFIDENTIAL

Relief work for Christian Jews.

Your letter G23/657 dated 27th November 1947 acknowledged and is now being studied. Would like more time before approving visit of Mr Levinson. Will notify you as soon as possible.

Action: Mr Moore

Distribution: Refugee Dept (6 copies)

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27th November, 1947.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 22nd November, 1947, I have to inform you that the question of your proposed visit to Germany has been referred to our authorities there, and as soon as we receive their reply a further communication will be addressed to you.

You will no doubt let me have as soon as possible documentary evidence to show that the Swedish Government has given approval to the entry into Sweden from Germany of the 50 Hebrew Christian children you mention in your letter.

With reference to your query regarding the adoption in the U.S.A. and this country of children from Germany, the appropriate authorities in the U.S.A. should be approached in the first case, and, in the second, the matter should be referred to the Home Office, Aliens Department, 271, High Holborn, London, W.C.1.

Yours faithfully,

A.C.

The Rev. N. Levison, B.D.

150, Ferry Road,  
Edinburgh, 6.

BY FAST AIRMAIL  
CONFIDENTIAL

27 November, 1947.

H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.),  
BERLIN,  
B.A.O.R.

Relief Work for Christian Jews.

1. Applications have been received here for three visits to the British Zone of Germany in connection with (Christian) Relief Work for Christian Jews. Their aims are summarised as follows:-

2. MR. H.R. LESSER, Deputy Secretary to Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws. We sent you on 11th July, two letters under reference C.8379/7678/180 from the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel. The first, dated 17th May, requested permission to send temporary teams for relief work in Germany; the second dated 23rd June covered a letter from DR. J.W.E. Sonner, writing as Chairman of the Free Churches "EVANGELISCHE HILFSWERKE". Our letter of 11th July did not specifically ask for a reply, but we should be grateful to have your comments as soon as possible.

In the meantime pending a decision about the relief teams, an application to make an exploratory visit of about 70 days, has been received from Mr. H.R. Lesser under the aegis of the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel. In this connection a further letter dated 12th September has been received from Mr. Lesser, a copy of which is attached, in which he states that a copy has been sent direct to Mr. Gwynne, Bunde, and enclosing a Survey of the work undertaken by the C.R.W. and a list of Children's Homes supported or established in Germany. We should welcome your opinion on Mr. Lesser's claims and advice on the expediency of facilitating his activities.

3. REV. N. LEVISON, B.D., Vice-President of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance. This organization has requested permission for Mr. Levison to visit Berlin, and the British and American Zones of Germany in connection with:-

- (a) the selection of 50 Christian Jewish children to go to Sweden for 1 year (50 children a year for 2 years);
- (b) to arrange for the proper distribution of food which Mr. Levison has purchased in Denmark, with funds received from Sweden and America;
- (c) to re-organize the Hebrew Christian Alliance in Germany, so that in future the many problems affecting the Alliance can be dealt with directly from London.

The visit is estimated to last about 16 days and Mr. Levison is anxious to start as soon as possible.

4. REV. H.L. ELLISON, B.A., B.D., Vice-President of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance. We have also been approached by The ECUMENICAL REFUGEE COMMISSION who are anxious that Mr. Ellison should visit Berlin and the three Western Zones for a period of 2-3 months in order to make a survey of the German Hebrew Christians, and to investigate claims and recommend proposals to be submitted to the International Refugee Organization for the distribution of that portion (viz. 10%) of the non-monetary gold fund set apart by the Paris Reparations Conference of 1945-1946 for the rehabilitation of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action.

I.R.O. have confirmed that this visit is desirable, and in due course we shall ask you to call forward Mr. Ellison. In the meantime he has stated that he cannot now leave this country until about April 1948.

5. From the foregoing you will observe that from several sources there is a growing concern for the welfare of Christian Jews. We would be glad, therefore, of your urgent advice as to how far these proposed visits (with the exception of that of Mr. Ellison, which is sponsored by I.R.O.), and the activities arising from them are to be encouraged.

6. While you are considering the situation generally, we would like to have a quick decision on Mr. Levison, by telegram, in view of the proximity of the date on which he wishes to travel, i.e., 3rd December.

*T. Mayne*  
German Refugee Dept.

Copy to:-

Zonal Executive Offices,  
60, H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.),  
LURBECKE, B.A.O.R.

Mr. Gwynne, Zonal Executive Offices,  
Religious Affairs,  
62, H.Q. C.C.G. (B.E.),  
BUNDE, B.A.O.R.

623/657.

21st November, 1947.

Dear Mr. Ellison,

I confirm our telephone conversation of 12th November concerning your proposed visit to Germany, when you intimated that you do not now wish to go until April or May, 1948. In these circumstances it is suggested that you raise the matter again with this Office early in March when we shall be pleased to ask the Control Commission (British Element) for their concurrence and if favourable, to make the necessary arrangements for your stay in the British Zone. It will, of course, be necessary for you to approach the French and American Authorities concerning your visit to their respective Zones in Germany.

Yours sincerely,

*H. L. Ellison*

Rev. H. L. Ellison,  
The Lodge,  
14, Clyde Road,  
Wallington,  
Surrey.

JW/

G23/657.

21st November, 1947.

Dear Mr. Dow,

Further to Mr. Ivamy's letter of the 6th November, we have been in telephonic communication with Rev. H.L. Ellison about his proposed visit to Germany but understand that he does not now wish to go until April or May, 1948. In the circumstances we have suggested that he should again raise the matter early in March, when we can obtain the concurrence of the Control Commission and make arrangements for his stay in the British Zone.

Yours sincerely,

Helli.

Mr. L. Dow,  
Chief of Liaison,  
Preparatory Commission  
for the International  
Refugee Organisation,  
19, Hill Street,  
W.1.

(Copy of Mr. Ellison's letter enclosed  
to Mr. Dow.)

PCIRO 13/1  
LD/JC

6th November, 1947

Dear Dow,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th November about Mr. H. L. Ellison. In view of the information which you have passed on from your Headquarters, I am asking what can be done to facilitate Mr. Ellison's early visit to Germany and Austria if he wishes to go there.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. W. L. IVIMY.

L. DOW, Esq.,  
Chief of Mission,  
PCIRO,  
Prep. Commission for the I.R.O.,  
19, Hill Street,  
London, W.1.

Telephone: GRO. 4636-7-8-9.

*Mr. Dow*  
Telegraphic Address:

INCOMREF AUDLEY LONDON (Inland Telegrams)  
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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANISATION.  
~~INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.~~

Our Ref.: PCIRO. 13/1.

LD/JC.

Your Ref.:

*Mr. Dow*

19, HILL STREET,  
LONDON, W.1.

4th November, 1947.

Dear Ivimy,

You will remember that you wrote to me on the 9th October about Mr. H.L. Ellison of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance who wishes to visit Germany in connection with the agreement on Reparations reached at the Five Power Conference in Paris. I told you that I was passing this request to the Reparations Department in Geneva, from whom I have now received a reply of which I enclose a copy.

It is evident from this letter that our Headquarters in Geneva regard Mr. Ellison's visit as important and I therefore hope that you will be able to agree to his going.

Yours sincerely,

*L. Dow*

L. Dow,  
Chief of Mission, PCIRO, London.

W.E.L. Ivimy, Esq.,  
Foreign Office,  
Norfolk House,  
St. James's Square,  
S.W.1.

COPY

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
REFUGEE ORGANISATION.

Palais des Nations,  
GENEVE.

28 October, 1947.

TO: Chief of PCIRO Mission, London.  
FROM: REPARATIONS DEPARTMENT, GENEVA.

Thank you for your letter of 13 October (ref.13/1,LD/JC) marked for the attention of Mr. Schwartz, concerning an application by Mr. H.L. Ellison to visit Germany.

Mr. Ellison of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance is working in connection with reparation matters with the Ecumenical Refugee Commission. As you are aware, reparation monies which are designated for the use of non-Jewish victims of Nazi action are being administered by a number of voluntary organizations. Some of these organizations who are either not represented in the Zones or whose representatives have so far not dealt with the particular work for which reparation funds are designated, now find it necessary to go to Germany and/or Austria to make the necessary contacts and arrangements.

Further, the eligibility of those persons who can be assisted out of reparation funds is very restricted, and where voluntary organizations are in touch with individuals or groups who might be eligible, it is important that they make careful check on this point before submitting projects to us.

It was for these reasons that Mr. Ellison wished to go to Germany (and also, I believe, Austria). Should Mr. Ellison still wish to go to Germany and Austria, I should be grateful if you would do your best to obtain the necessary permits.

In future, perhaps the best procedure to adopt would be for you to inform us of anyone requesting a permit for reparation matters, and we will immediately confirm to you the importance or otherwise of such permit being obtained.

(Sgd) Nicholas G. Winton.

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*New address:-*

Kingsway Chambers,  
162a, Strand,  
London, W.C.2.

Dear Mr. Bishop,

Many thanks for your note of October 13th, which arrived while I was away in the North, but which gave my colleague exactly the opportunity which we needed to bring Dr. Clinchy into touch with a member of the German section of the Foreign Office.

I expect you will have heard that Dr. Clinchy saw Colonel Solomon on Tuesday afternoon, and had a very helpful conversation with him. It seems likely that Dr. Clinchy may meet Colonel Solomon again in Germany some time during the next week or two.

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

*Rev. W. W. Simpson*

E.D.M.Bishop, Esq.,  
German Educational Department,  
Foreign Office,  
Norfolk House,  
St. James's Square,  
London, S.W.1.

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G.8/524

13th October, 1947

Dear Sir,

53A

I have to acknowledge your letter of 8th October enquiring about an application for permission for Mr. Ellison of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance to travel to Germany from Geneva. This matter is receiving attention, and I will write to you again as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) J. H. JENKIN

German Refugee Department

The Rev. Percy Ineson,  
Ecumenical Refugee Commission,  
21, Bloomsbury Street,  
London, W.C.1.

54A  
9th October, 1947h  
Dear ~~Mr.~~ Dow,

We have received an application from the Ecumenical Refugee Commission for permission for a Mr. H. L. Ellison of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance to visit Germany in order to investigate claims received by the Commission for assistance for Christian Jews out of the Reparations Fund which was established by the Five-Power Conference in Paris for the rehabilitation of persecutees. 90% of this Fund was to be used for persons of the Jewish faith and the claims now under consideration by the Ecumenical Refugee Commission are for the 10% which was earmarked for other persecutees. The Commission state that they have an agreement made originally with the Inter-Governmental Committee, and subsequently confirmed by the I.R.O. whereby they were to submit proposals to the I.R.O. for the expenditure of this 10%.

We are forced, on account of the difficulties of transport and accommodation in the Zone, to be stingy with permits for people to visit there, especially when, as in this case, the application is for a stay of 3 months duration. We should not, however, wish to put obstacles in the way of Mr. Ellison's visit if it is really necessary for the purpose described, and if there is an immediate need to make an investigation of claims. In this connection, while we appreciate that it is desirable to have completed investigations of the claims before any disbursements are

made/...

made, I think we should have some idea before agreeing to this proposal of what the size of the problem is, how much money is likely to be available, and at what date. I should be very glad for any information you could give me to enlighten us on these points, and also for any other observations you may have about this application.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. W. L. IVIMY.

L. Dow, Esq.,  
Prep. Commission of the  
International Refugee Organisation,  
19, Hill Street,  
Berkeley Square,  
London, W.1.

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DEPARTMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION AND INTER-CHURCH AID

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ECUMENICAL REFUGEE COMMISSION

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PI/WEA

D9876  
9 OCT 1947

8th October 1947.

Dear Sirs,

Rev.

re Mr. H. L. Ellison. WALL 5768  
Home Address: The Lodge, 14 Clyde Road,  
Wallington, Surrey.

I think that you have an application for permission for Mr. Ellison of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance to travel to Germany from Geneva. The arrangement was that he was to have gone on the 22nd September. Today I have a telegram saying "Ellison now wasting time pending receipt of military permit. Can you hasten Foreign Office". I need not detail the whole of the particulars but I am sending you a copy of a letter of the 20th August 1947.

May I ask that the matter be expedited as Mr. Ellison has other important work waiting to be done.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

London Secretary.

The Foreign Office.  
Norfolk House,  
St. James Square, S.W.1.

COPY

20th August 1947.

For the attention of Mr. Bishop.

Dear Mr. Bishop,

With further reference to the application of Mr. Ellison for a Military Entry Permit to Germany and Austria, it appears that he has not stated the purpose of his journey as clearly as he might.

The Ecumenical Refugee Commission have an agreement made originally with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and subsequently confirmed by the International Refugee Organisation, whereby we are to submit proposals to I.R.O. for the expenditure of that 10% of the Reparations Fund established by the Five Power Conference in Paris for the rehabilitation of persecutees. The 90% is being dealt with by the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee.

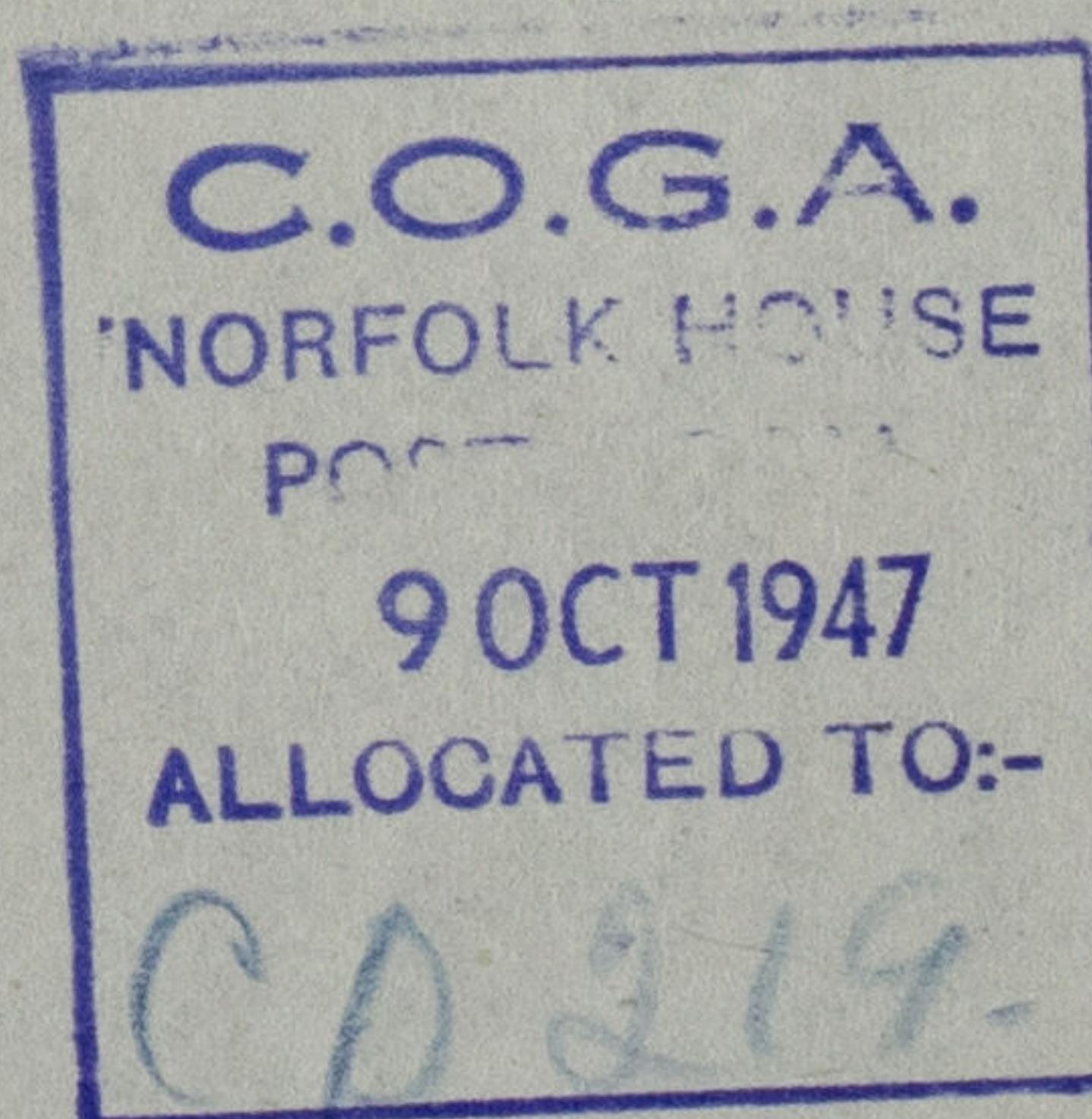
Our concern is with members of Christian Churches who were persecuted either for their Jewish ancestry or other reasons. We have received very large numbers of applications and claims in our Geneva office and it would be quite impossible for us to submit valid proposals to I.R.O. without an investigation of these claims and others which will arise on the spot.

The purpose of Mr. Ellison's visit is quite definitely not a vague and general survey of the position of the non-Aryan Christians as most of this date is already in our possession. He is to go specifically to investigate and recommend on claims and schemes.

We trust that this clarification will enable the authorities to grant the entry permit.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) G. Clarke. R. H. Rees



# The International Hebrew Christian Alliance

(Headquarters: Memorial House, 19 Draycott Place, London, S.W. 3)

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From the Vice-President: Rev. N. Levison, B.D., 150 Ferry Road, Edinburgh, 6.

7/10/47.

E.D.M. Bishop, Esq.

German Educational Department,

Forgien Office, German Section,

Norfolk House,

St. James's Square,

London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

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8 OCT 1947

Last week I came down to London to find out if my application to go to Germany (British and American zones) has been furthered, and saw Mr. Chitty who took the file dealing with the application and went over to see you, when he came back he told me that I shall be hearing from you. I quite appreciate that the matter cannot be settled in a day, but I should be very much obliged if you could help me to make the journey next week.

I am a pastor of a church in the Leith Dock area, this is a parish that demands one's time to the full during the winter months, but I can get away from here from the 14th to the 30 of this month, I must be back on the 1st of November for a sale of work in connection with my work which is to be opened by the Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

I enclose a letter from Miss. Livingstone, from which you will see that something should be done for these Hebrew Christians in whom

my organisation is especially interested. I sent in two thousand pounds worth of food this June, and we got permission from the Treasury to buy three thousand worth of food for Swedish Kroner during the next five months, this amount to be covered by dollars, we receive about ten thousand dollars a quarter from our American supporters, so that we more than cover the three thousand pounds. I hope to settle within the next day or two the nature of food that should be sent in, but the destination I cannot settle till I have been in at least the following towns. Berlin, Frankfort, Stuttgart, and Hamburg, and might also have to go to Lübeck the port to which the food will be sent to arrange with Mr. Iverson of the Y.M.C.A. about the distribution of the food.

I can assure you that it is no pleasure trip I am wanting to undertake, I am far from fit, and my doctor is not too keen that I should go, but I have given my time and strength to this work since 1933, and I do not want to fail these tried folk at this time.

I should be most grateful for any help you can give me. I shall also be obliged for the return of the wire and letter.

~~With many thanks and kindest wishes.~~

Sincerely yours,

*M. Iverson*

Returned to  
Mr. Iverson  
personally (17 Nov)

*Tony*

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17<sup>th</sup> September, 1947.

Dear Mr. Rees,

With reference to your letter dated 20th August, I fear that we cannot yet clear the visit of Mr. Ellison to Germany since we are waiting upon a policy decision in these matters from Berlin.

We will inform you as soon as we receive any fresh information on this subject.

Yours sincerely  
for E.D.M. Bishop

Go.

Rev. H. Rees,  
Economical Refugee Commission,  
21, Bloomsbury Street,  
London,  
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Mrs. A.B. Reeve,  
Zonal General Department  
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Norfolk House,  
St. James' Square,  
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12th September 1947.

Dear Mrs. Reeve,

Ref. G8/9

Knowing your personal interest in our Work for the benefit of the 80,000 people, who are not under the care of any other Relief Organisation, I have pleasure in enclosing for your own file a survey on the present extent, and the List of the Children's Homes, which we are able to support or establish in various parts of Germany.

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Yours sincerely

*H. R. Lesser*  
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Letter formally acknowledged  
by Mr Bishop. Action is being taken  
by German Internal Affairs Dept  
on a letter sent in similar terms  
to them but they await the news  
of CCS 18/99

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Enclosure: Letter and Statements



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1st September 1947

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CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK FOR VICTIMS OF RACIAL LAWS.

(Christliche Nothilfe für Opfer der Rassengesetze)

Headquarters in LONDON, 189 Whitechapel Road, E.1.)

THE CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK FOR VICTIMS OF RACIAL LAWS is working under the responsibility of the HEBREW CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY TO ISRAEL, which for many years have been working in Berlin.

The Jewish Missionary work was forbidden by Hitler and only a few pastors had the courage to baptise Jewish persons in Berlin up to 1941. It is a fact that the faith of true believers could not be crushed by discrimination and persecution, on the contrary, many have been strengthened, others again received personal experience of the power of Christ, who is the same Saviour for all nations, including the Jews; and also Christian Fellowship had not ceased among the Hebrew Christians, but became stronger and stronger in the darkest time for the Christian believers of Jewish descent.

This was revealed everywhere after the fall of the Hitler regime. On the other hand, there is now a great desire by the greater part of the German people to atone for the unchristian attitude shown towards the Jews and also towards the Christian members of the Church, racially persecuted.

At present we are connected with 6 centres, exclusively for spiritual work for people among our group:-

HANNOVER, HAMBURG, BERLIN, WESTFALEN, FRANKFURT-MANNHEIM, BAD LIEBENZELL (French Zone).

The work in Berlin was taken up again in 1946 and since then it has been expanding more and more, although the Mission House in Berlin suffered considerable war damage.

The SPIRITUAL WORK is done by nine missionary Sisters and trained Nurses, also engaged in Welfare work and a number of Pastors, who devote their services to Evangelical and Missionary work among all those, who were inflicted by the Nuernberg Laws. At the same time they try to instruct the German Congregations on the right Christian approach to the Jews and to work for a better understanding of the Old Testament in the light of the New.-

The SPIRITUAL WORK is combined with the socialwork, but it is not mixed, and following in the footsteps of our Good Samaritan, we offer relief help to everyone belonging to our group, not supported by the Jewish Committees.

In connection with the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel the "Vereinigung fuer Verbreitung der Heiligen Schrift unter Israel" (Union for propagation of the Holy Scripture among Israel) is established, offering free copies of the New Testament and Portions of the Scripture to every member of our group.

Thousands of New Testaments and Portions of the Scripture in German, English, Hebrew, Jiddish, and other languages have been sent to our workers in Germany by the Christian Relief Work, V.R.L. upon request.

1 September 1947

## Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws.

Information with regard to the spiritual side of our work will be given by our Headquarters in LONDON and many friends in Germany, who are now realising the special responsibility of their Churches towards their members of Jewish origin and the unique opportunity for Christian Service to Israel. Some of these co-workers and friends themselves, have suffered racial persecution. The following friends and co-workers with whom we are connected and who are doing missionary work in their own organisations are:

- 1) Lic. Studiendirektor H.R. Rengstorf, Geschaeftsfuehrer des evang. luth. Centralvereins fuer Mission unter Israel, (20) Kloster Loccum, near Wunstorf, Hannover, British Zone.
- 2) Pfarrer K.E. Wilken, (17a) Mannheim-Kaefertal, luth. Harramt Speckweg, 172
- 3) Kreisdekan H. Maas, (17a) Heidelberg, Beethovenstrasse 64. American Zone.
- 4) Missionarpfarrer Theo Burgstahler, (14a) ULM a/D. Gutenbergstrasse 9. American Zone
- 5) Sister Maly Kagan, Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Frankfurt a/Main, Neue Schlesingerstresse 24.
- 6) Pfarrer Majer-Leonhard (14a) Stuttgart-Feuerbach, Stuttgarter Strasse 133. American Zone.
- 7) Pfarrer Henninger, Innere Mission, c/o Mil. Govt. Munich, Muenchen, Blutenburgstrasse 71
- 8) Pfarrer F.W. Hopf, Muehlhausen near Bamberg (Oberfranken) Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer luth. Judenmission.
- 9) Dr. med G. Frohwein, (13a) Thuengen, Unterfranken.
- 10) Pastor Bruno Benfey, (20) Goettingen, Wiesenstrasse 2.
- 11) Missionsdirector P.G. Moeller, (14b) Bad Liebenzell.
- 12) Pastor Lic. W. Thomas, (20a) Hildesheim, Gartenstrasse 6.
- 13) Pastor Zilz, Vorsitzender der Evang. Allianz in Deutschland, Diakonissenwerk, "Friedenshort" Berleburg, Kreis Wittgenstein - at present - Kreis Krankenhaus Pinneberg, Holstein, British Zone.
- 14) Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt Jerusalem, (24) Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.
- 15) Hauptpastor V. Henrich, (24) Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel, Hummelbuetteler Kirchweg 6.
- 16) Superintendent H. Encke, (22) Coeln-Riehl, Botanischer Garten 72.
- 17) Pastor W. Auerbach, (24) Hamburg-Altona, Behn Strasse 38
- 18) Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke, Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63, French Sector.
- 19) Frau Grete Schepp-Merkel (Chairman of Deutscher Evang. Frauenbund "Bremen") Bremen, Park Allee 133.
- 20) Bishop Dr. J.W. Ernst Sommer, Frankfurt a/Main-Ginnheim, Deutsche Methodistenkirche, Ginnheimer Landsstrasse 180

c)

1 September 1947

Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws.

(continued)

Our RELIEF WORK is not officially supported by the Churches, but voluntarily assisted by the MILDWY MISSION TO THE JEWS, the INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, the FRIENDS OF ISRAEL MISSIONARY AND RELIEF SOCIETY in U.S.A. and kindred movements in Switzerland, the EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ALBERTA, Canada, is also working in connection with orphaned and part-orphaned children and has arranged to support and house children of our Group.

But the responsibility for the spiritual work rests with the German Churches, Groups and fellow-workers of the Hebrew-Christian Testimony to Israel.

The enormous figure of 100,000 survivors, 80% of which belong to our group is generally unknown in the world, especially among the Christian, who are not beginning to realise their responsibility towards these unfortunates with regard to their physical, economical and spiritual needs, so well documented by the Jewish and Christian Contributions to the United Jewish Relief Appeal, but we have to stress the fact, that the 80% of our group have suffered in the same way, because Hitler persecuted the race as a whole, irrespective of faith; all have suffered in the same way, whether they belong to a Jewish Community or not.

The Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws, and the Groups, supporting the work, are fully conscious that the work is still in its infancy and that an immense task is still to be done. The daily reports from the distribution centres and individuals, S.O.S. calls from every Zone shows only too clearly the despair and the loneliness and lack of vision. The Hebrew Christian sufferers, their families and those Jewish people, acknowledged officially as "Victims", but do not belong to the Jewish Community experienced that the Churches in Germany are engaged in putting their own houses in order and are unable to cope with the tremendous tasks taken on of feeding and clothing the large number of Refugees, belonging to their faith. They are relying entirely on the help, which can be offered by the organisation and the helpers of the Relief Work.

IS THERE GREATER EVIDENCE NEEDED FOR THE NECESSITY OF OUR WORK?

80,000 are waiting for our help and should not the CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK V.R.L. supporting more than 40 Distribution centres be granted the same privileges (team work, Transport facilities, etc.) which other Christian and Humanitarian Voluntary Relief Organisation and the Jewish Committees for Relief Abroad have been enjoying for a long time.

The above mentioned Societies welcome gratefully any sympathy and support which would enable them to buy and send with the permission of the authorities all necessary supplies (clothes, food, medical help, equipment for children's homes, etc.) anything and everything is needed.

Any information as to how to help from England and abroad will gladly be given by the Director Mr. H. Newmark, 42 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middlesex. and the Deputy Secretary, Mr. H.R. Lesser, 1, Gayton Crescent, London.N.W.3

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P R E S E N T E X T E N T  
R E LIEF FOR HEBREW CHRISTIAN SUFFERERS IN GERMANY  
(See Answer (2) in Report 'Love in Action')

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G. Tropowitz, Geschaeftsfuehrer Evangelische Hilfsstelle (Buero Probst Grueber) Berlin, SO 36, Adalbertstrasse 23 a.  
Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke, Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63.

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Information by:- Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt Jerusalem, Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.

Direktor Braeunlich, Hamburg, 20 Martinistr. 46  
Krankenhaus "Bethanien",  
Hauptpastor V. Herntrich, Hamburger Hauptbuero  
des Evangel. Hilfswerks, Hamburg 13, Mittelweg 110

(b) Area Hannover, Niedersachsen.  
4 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's Homes,  
1 Hospital

Persons.- 1,800

Information by:- Gemeinschaft der durch die Nuernberger Gesetze Betroffenen. Hannover+Kleefeld, Fichtestrasse 30.

Pastor W. Thomas, Welfare Work c/o Major P.J. Clarke, 117 Mil. Gov. Hildesheim, B.A.O.R.

(c) Area Nord Rheinprovinz and Westfalen:-  
5 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's Homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 8,500 (including Roman-Catholics)

Information by:- S. Berkowitz, Geschaeftsfuehrer, Christliches Hilfswerk fuer Rassenverfolgte, Koeln, Bismarckstrasse 13.  
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1. September 1947

CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK FOR VICTIMS OF RACIAL LAWS

PRESENT EXTENT, September 1947

Berlin and British Zone with 25 Distribution Centres  
registered persons - 38,300

3. American Zone Total persons - 25,500

(a) Area Bremen:-

1 Distribution Centre,  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 1,500

Information by:- Mrs. Grete Schepp-Merkel (Chairman of  
"Deutscher Evang. Frauenbund" Bremen) Bremen,  
Parkallee 133.

(b) Greater Hesse and North Badenia:-

10 Distribution Centres,  
1 Children Home

Persons:- 7,500

Information by:- Sister Maly Kagan, Hilfsstelle fuer  
Rassisch Verfolgte, Frankfurt a/Main,  
Neue Schlesingerstrasse 24.

Bischof Dr. J.W. Ernst Sommer, Deutsche  
Methodisten Kirche, Frankfurt/Main+Ginnheim,  
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Kreisdekan H. Maas, Christliche Hilfsstelle fuer  
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(c) Area Wuerttemberg

1 Distribution Centre

Persons:- 2,000

Information by:- Pfarrer Henninger, Innere Mission  
c/o Mil. Gov. Munich, Muenchen, Blutenburgstrasse 71  
Pfarrer F.W. Hopf, Muehlhausen, near Bamberg  
(Oberfr.), Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer lutherische  
Judenmission, Bayer, Pfarrer Verein.

4. French Zone:- Total persons 2,200

(a) Area Mainz:-

1 Distribution Centre

Persons:- 500

Information by:- Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Mainz

(b) Areas South Wuerttemberg and South Badenia

3 Distribution Centres

Persons:- 1,700

Information by:- Frau Professor Kamke(Dora), Tuebingen,  
Esslingerstrasse 16

Dr. Gertrud Luckner, Freiburg(Breisgau)  
Werthmann Haus, Caritas Verband

5. Russian Zone:- Total persons 18,000

3 Distribution Centres, in connection with the  
Evangelical Hilfswerk

2 Hospitals

Persons:- 18,000

84,000

According to the reports, at least 4,000 Catholic racially  
persecuted persons have to be added in order to complete  
the survey, thus increasing the total number by about  
Non-Mosaic persons, racially persecuted....

4,000

88,000

This figure increases by 15-16,000 persons of German  
Nationality and of Jewish faith, (according to the American  
Joint Distribution Committee).- According to the official  
records and private sources the total figure of the people  
of German Nationality afflicted by the Nuernberg Laws can  
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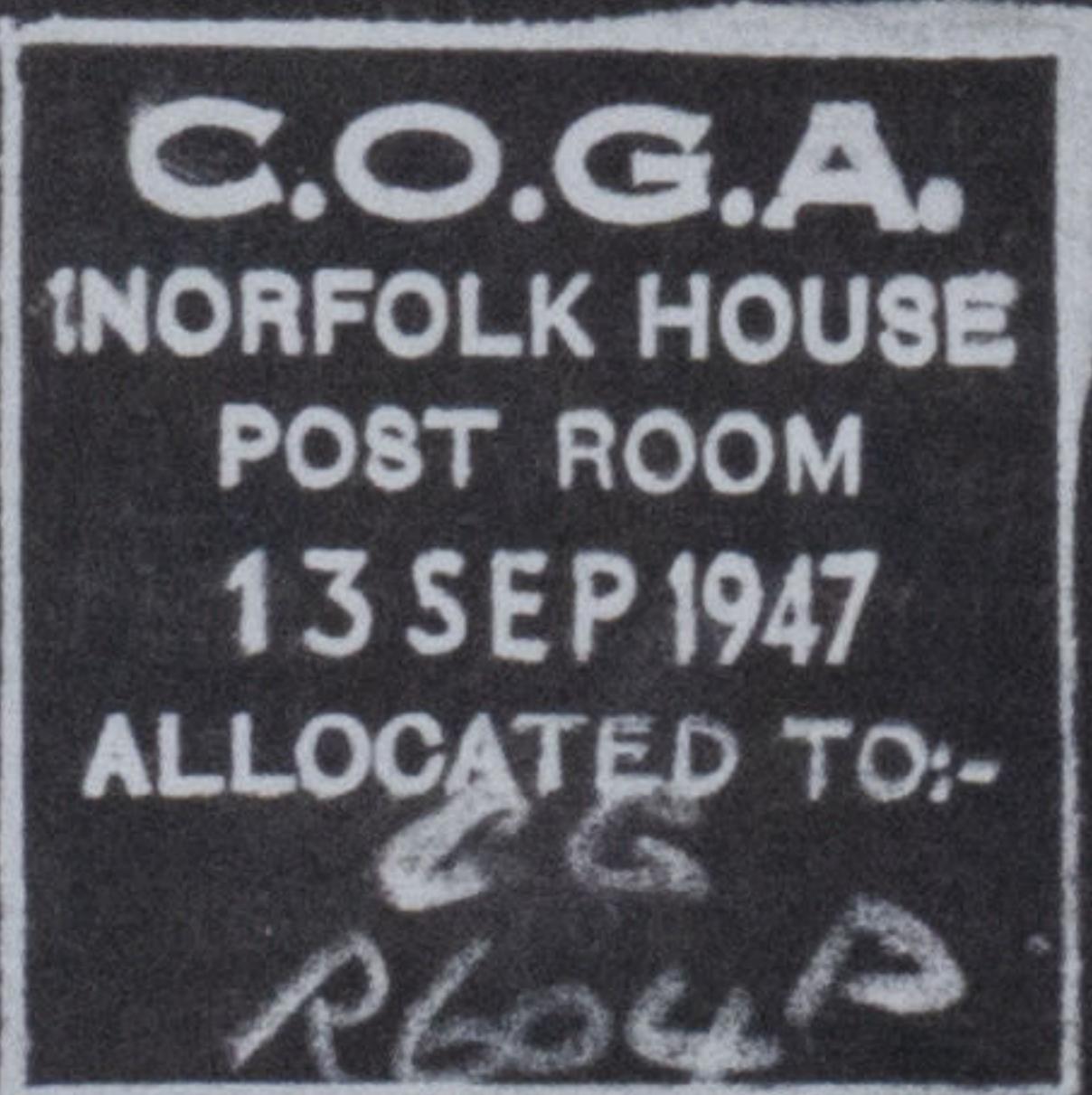
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1 Distribution Centre

Persons:- 500

Information by:- Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Mainz.

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3 Distribution Centres,

Persons:- 1,700

Information by:- Frau Professor Dora Kamke, Tuebingen, Esslingerstrasse 16 Dr. Gertrud Luckner, Freiburg(Breisgau) Werthmann Haus, Caritas Verband.

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|-------|---------|--------|
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P R E S E N T E X T E N T

Relief for Hebrew Christian Sufferers in Germany  
(See answer (2) in Report "Love in Action")

1. Berlin:- 9 Distribution Centres persons 17,000  
2 Children's Homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 17,000 (except Roman-Catholic Group of more than 3,000, but including 2,000 children).

Information by:- Director Richter, Sophienkrankenhaus, Berlin-Steglitz, Paulsenstrasse 5.  
G. Tropowitz Geschaeftsfuehrer Evangel, Hilfsstelle (Buero Probst Grueber) Berlin SO 36, Adalbertstrasse 23a.  
Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke, Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63).

2. British Zone:- Total persons 21,000

(a) Area Hamburg and Holstein  
7 Distribution Centres,  
11 Children's Homes  
3 Hospitals

Persons:- 11,000 (including children)

Information by:- Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt "Jerusalem, Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.  
Director Braeunlich, Hamburg 20, Martinistr, Krankenhaus "Bethanien" 46  
Hauptpastor V. Hertrich, Hamburger Hauptbuero, des Evangel. Hilfswerks, Hamburg 13  
Mittelweg 110

(b) Area Hannover, Niedersachsen.  
4 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 1,800

Information by:- Gemeinschaft der durch die Nuerberger Gesetze Betroffenen. Hannover-Kleefeld, Fichtestrasse 30.  
Pastor W. Thomas, Welfare Work c/o Major P.J. Clarke, 111 Mil. Gov. Hildesheim, B.A.O.R.

(c) Area Nord Rheinprovinz and Westfalen:-  
5 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's Homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 8,500 (including Roman Catholics)

Information by:- S. Berkowitz, Geschaeftsfuehrer, Christliches Hilfswerk fuer Rassenverfolgte, Koeln, Bismarckstrasse 13.  
Superintendent H. Encke, Koeln-Riehl Am Botanischen Garten 72

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Yours sincerely  
signed E. Mejer.

Chief Delegate of the  
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September 12th 1947

Re.: C 7698/7678/180.  
Sir,

With reference to our application of May 13th 1947, for your granting permission for temporary Teams working in connection with, and under the Responsibility of the Christian Relief Work for the Victims of Racial Laws, I have pleasure in submitting you the Statement on the present extent of our work, September 1947. We are very glad to state the willingness of representatives of Church and Welfare Organisations inside Germany to cooperate with us; the actual number of our co-operators and friends counts now several hundred.

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We hope therefore to receive a favourable answer to our application. Should for any reason the definite decision be hampered, I should like to apply herewith for the permission to make a second visit to Germany, for the duration of 170 days, as soon as possible. I am prepared to submit to the Foreign Office, Norfolk House, immediately a detailed travelling plan, and the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel, which bears the responsibility for the Christian Relief Work for the Victims of Racial Laws, is prepared to accept the same financial commitments with regard to my visit.

May I respectfully ask, the C.C.G. (Foreign Office) for the kindness of sponsoring my travelling in the same way as it was done in December 1946?

On my visit at Norfolk House some weeks ago, I learned that our Application for the recognition as a temporary Team has already been forwarded to the other side. So I took the

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Buende.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully  
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|               | registered persons | 38,300 |
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Dear Mr. Lesser,

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Yours sincerely  
signed E. Mejer.

Chief Delegate of the  
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The Under-Secretary of State,  
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September 12th 1947

Re.: C 7698/7678/180.  
Sir,

With reference to our application of May 13th 1947, for your granting permission for temporary Teams working in connection with, and under the Responsibility of the Christian Relief Work for the Victims of Racial Laws, I have pleasure in submitting you the Statement on the present extent of our work, September 1947. We are very glad to state the willingness of representatives of Church and Welfare Organisations inside Germany to co-operate with us; the actual number of our co-operators and friends counts now several hundred.

A work of such extent and aim cannot be directed without regular personal contact with the various distribution Centres, and first of all with Authorities in Germany, especially the Religious Affairs Branches, the Education and Welfare Departments.

We hope therefore to receive a favourable answer to our application. Should for any reason the definite decision be hampered, I should like to apply herewith for the permission to make a second visit to Germany, for the duration of 70 days, as soon as possible. I am prepared to submit to the Foreign Office, Norfolk House, immediately a detailed travelling plan, and the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel, which bears the responsibility for the Christian Relief Work for the Victims of Racial Laws, is prepared to accept the same financial commitments with regard to my visit.

May I respectfully ask, the C.C.G. (Foreign Office) for the kindness of sponsoring my travelling in the same way as it was done in December 1946?

On my visit at Norfolk House some weeks ago, I learned that our Application for the recognition as a temporary Team has already been forwarded to the other side. So I took the

liberty of sending the same Statement to Mr. Gwynne, C.C.G.  
Buende.

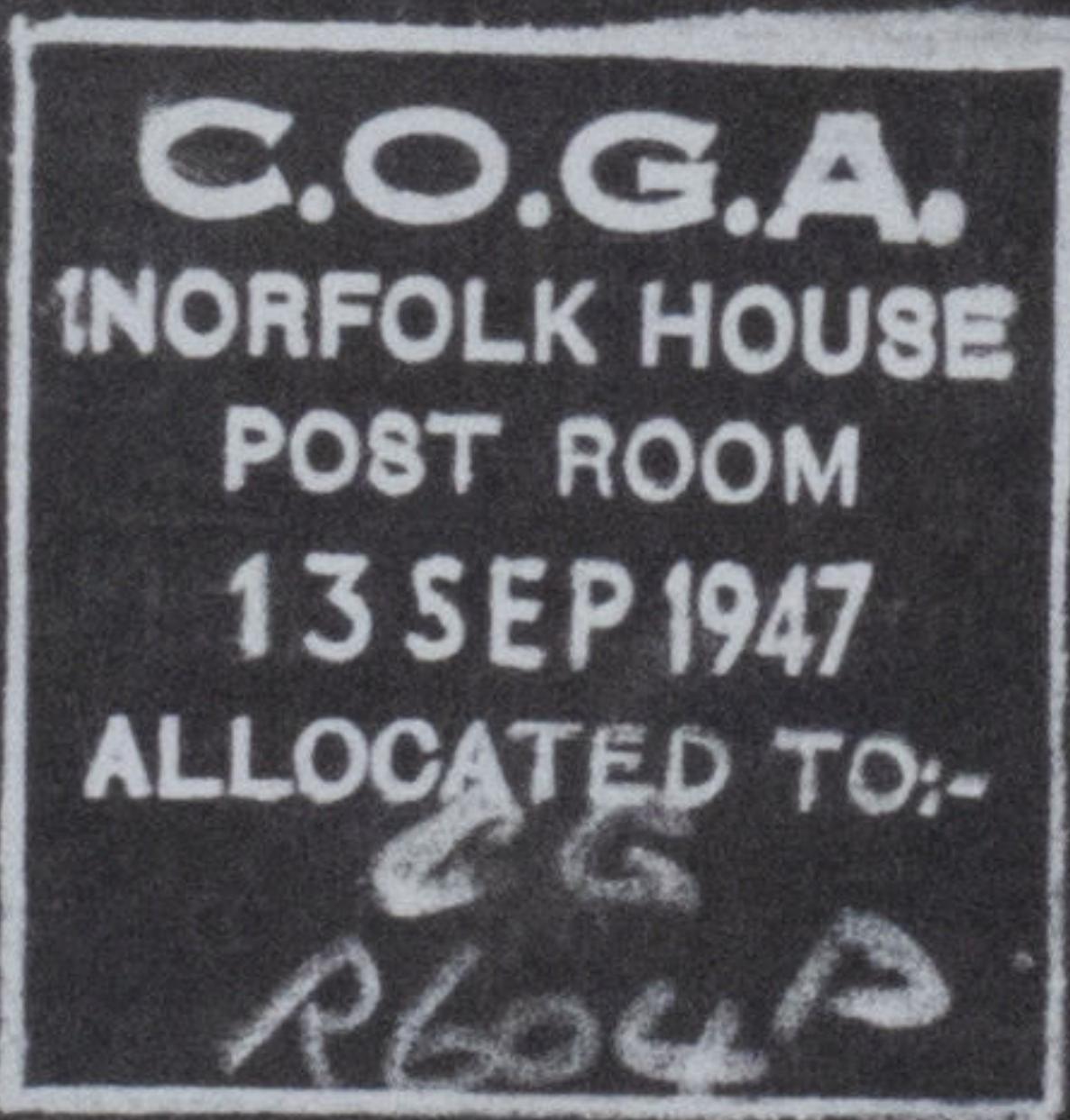
I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

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CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK FOR VICTIMS  
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Enclosure: Letter and Statements



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1. September 1947

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2 Children's Homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 17,000 (except Roman-Catholic Group of more  
than 3,000, but including 2,000 children).

Information by:- Director Richter, Sophienkrankenhaus,  
Berlin-Steglitz, Paulsenstrasse 5.  
G. Troplowitz Geschaeftsfuehrer Evangel,  
Hilfsstelle (Buero Probst Grueber)  
Berlin SO 36, Adalbertstrasse 23a.  
Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke,  
Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63).

2. British Zone:- Total persons 21,000

(a) Area Hamburg and Holstein  
7 Distribution Centres,  
11 Children's Homes  
3 Hospitals

Persons:- 11,000 (including children)

Information by:- Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt  
"Jerusalem", Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.  
Director Braeunlich, Hamburg 20, Martinistr,  
Krankenhaus "Bethanien" 46  
Hauptpastor V. Herntrich, Hamburger Haupt-  
buero, des Evangel. Hilfswerks, Hamburg 13  
Mittelweg 110

(b) Area Hannover, Niedersachsen.  
4 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 1,800

Information by:- Gemeinschaft der durch die Nuerberger Ge-  
setze Betroffenen. Hannover-Kleefeld,  
Fichtestrasse 30.  
Pastor W. Thomas, Welfare Work c/o Major P.J.  
Clarke, 11t Mil. Gov. Hildesheim, B.A.O.R.

(c) Area Nord Rheinprovinz and Westfalen:-  
5 Distribution Centres,  
2 Children's Homes  
1 Hospital

Persons:- 8,500 (including Roman Catholics)

Information by:- S. Berkowitz, Geschaeftsfuehrer, Christli-  
ches Hilfswerk fuer Rassenverfolgte, Koeln,  
Bismarckstrasse 13.  
Superintendent H. Encke, Koeln-Riehl  
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P R E S E N T E X T E N T , September 1947

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Information by:- Sister Maly Kagan, Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Frankfurt a/Main, Neue Schlesinger Strasse 24, Bishop Dr. J.W. Ernst Sommer, Deutsche Methodisten Kirche, (Frankfurt/Main-Ginnheimer Landstr. 180 (Ginnheim) Kreisdekan H. Maas, Christliches Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Heidelberg, Beethovenstrasse 4

(c) Area Wuerttemberg:-

1 Distribution Centre

Persons:- 2,000

Information by:- Pfarrer Henninger, Innere Mission, c/o Mil. Gov. Munich, Muenchen, Blutenburgstrasse 71 Pfarrer F.W. Hopf, Muehlhausen, near Bamberg (Oberfr.), Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer lutherische Judenmission, Bayer. Pfarrer Verein.

4. French Zone:-

|       |         |              |
|-------|---------|--------------|
| Total | persons | <u>2,200</u> |
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(a) Area Mainz:-

1 Distribution Centre

Persons:- 500

Information by:- Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Mainz.

(b) Area South Wuerttemberg and South Badenia

3 Distribution Centres,

Persons:- 1,700

Information by:- Frau Professor Dora Kamke, Tuebingen, Esslingerstrasse 16 Dr. Gertrud Luckner, Freiburg(Breisgau) Werthmann Haus, Caritas Verband.

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|       |         |               |
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(continued)

, Information with regard to the spiritual side of our work can be given by our Headquarters in LONDON, and further by the following friends and co-workers with whom we are connected; some are doing Missionary work in their own organisation:-

- 1) Lic. Studiendirektor R. H. Rengstorff, Geschaeftsfuehrer des evangelischen Lutherischen Centralvereins fuer Mission unter Israel, (20 Kloster Loccum, ueber Wunstorf, Hannover, British Zone.
- 2) Pfarrer K.E. Wilken, (17a) Mannheim-Kaeftal, Luth.Pfarramt, Speckweg 172.
- 3) Missionarpfarrer Theo Burgstahler, (14a ULM a/D. Gutenbergstrasse 9, U.S.Zone
- 4) Kreisdekan H. Maas, (17a) Heidelberg, Beethovenstrasse 64 American Zone,
- 5) Sister Maly Kagan, Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisich Verfolgte, Frankfurt a/Main, Neue Schlesingerstrasse 24.
- 6) Pfarrer Majer-Leonhard, (14a) Stuttgart-Feuerbach, Stuttgarter Strasse 133.
- 7) Pfarrer Henninger, Innere Mission c/o Mil. Gov. Munich, Muenchen, Blutenburgstrasse 71.
- 8) Pfarrer F. W. Hopf, Muehlhausen near Bamberg (Oberfranken) Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer luth.Judenmission, Bayr.Pfarrer Verein.
- 9) Dr. med. G. Frohwein, (13a) Thuengen, Unterfranken
- 10) Missionsdirector P.G.Moeller, (14b) Bad Liebenzell, Wuerttemberg, French Zone.
- 11) Pastor Bruno Benfey, (20) Goettingen, Wiesenstrasse 2.
- 12) Pastor Lic. W. Thomas, (20a) Hildesheim, Gartenstrasse 6.
- 13) Pastor W. Zilz, Vorsitzender der Evang.Allianz in Deutschland, Diakonissenwerk "Friedenshort" Berleburg, Kreis Wittgenstein, at present Kreis Krankenhaus, Pinneberg, Holstein, British Zone.
- 14) Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt Jerusalem, (24)Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.
- 15) Hauptpastor V. Herntrich, (24)Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel, Hummelsbuetteler Kirchweg 6.
- 16) Superintendent H. Encke, (22) Coeln-Riehl, Botanischer Garten 72.
- 17) Pastor W. Auerbach, Hamburg-Altona, BEhn Strasse 38.
- 18) Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke, Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63, French Sector.
- 19) Frau Grete Schepp-Merkel, (Chairman of "Deutscher Evang. Frauenbund "Bremen") Bremen, Park Allee 133
- 20) Bishop Dr. J.W.Ernst Sommer, Frankfurt a/Main-Ginnheim, Ginnheimer Landstrasse 180 Deutsche Methodistenkirche.

1. September 1947

## Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws

(continued)

Our RELIEF WORK is not officially supported by Churches, but voluntarily assisted by the MILDWAY MISSION TO THE JEWS, the INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, the FRIENDS OF ISRAEL MISSIONARY AND RELIEF SOCIETY in U.S.A. and kindred movements in Switzerland. The EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ALBERTA, Canada, is also working in connection with orphaned and part orphaned children and has arranged to support and house children of our Groups.

But the responsibility for the spiritual work rests with the German Churches, Groups and fellow-workers of the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel.

The enormous figure of 100,000 survivors, 80% of which belong to our group is generally unknown in the world, especially among the Christians who are now beginning to realise their responsibility towards these unfortunates with regard to their physical, economical and above all their spiritual needs, so well documented by the Jewish and Christian contributions to the United Jewish Relief Appeal, but we have to stress the fact, that the 80% of our group have suffered in the same way, because Hitler has persecuted the race as a whole, irrespective of faith, all have suffered in the same way, whether they belong to a Jewish Community or not.

The Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws, and the Groups, supporting the work, are fully conscious that the work is still in its infancy and that an immense task is still to be done. The daily reports from the distribution centres and individuals, SOS calls from every Zone shows only too clearly the despair and the loneliness and lack of any vision. The Hebrew-Christian sufferers, their families and those Jewish people, acknowledged officially as "Victims", but do not belong to the Jewish community experience that the Churches in Germany are engaged in putting their own house in order and are unable to cope with the tremendous task taken on of feeding and clothing the large numbers of Refugees belonging to their faith. They are relying entirely on the help which can be offered by the organisation and the helpers of the Relief Work.

Is there greater evidence needed for the necessity of our work?

80,000 are waiting for our help and should not the CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK V.R.L. supporting more than 40 Distribution centres be granted the same privileges (team work, transport facilities etc.) which other Christian and Humanitarian Voluntary Relief Organisations and the Jewish Committees for Relief Abroad have been enjoying for a long time?

The above mentioned Societies welcome gratefully any sympathy and support which would enable them to buy and send with the permission of the authorities all necessary supplies, (clothes, food, medical help. equipment for children's homes, etc) anything and everything is needed.

Any information how to help from England and abroad will be gladly given by the Director, Mr. H. Newmark, 42 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middx and the Deputy Secretary, Mr. H.R. Lesser, 1 Gayton Crescent, London, N.W.3

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|    |                       |        |   |         |               |
|----|-----------------------|--------|---|---------|---------------|
| 1. | <u>Berlin:-</u>       | 9      | Distribution Centres  | persons | <u>17,000</u> |
|    |                       | 2      | Children's Homes  |         |               |
|    |                       | 1      | Hospital  |         |               |
|    | Persons:-             | 17,000 | (except Roman-Catholic Group of more<br>than 3,000, but including 2,000 children).  |         |               |
|    | Information by:-      |        | Director Richter, Sophienkrankenhaus,<br>Berlin-Steglitz, Paulsenstrasse 5.<br>G. Tropowitz Geschaeftsfuehrer Evangel,<br>Hilfsstelle (Buero Probst Grueber)<br>Berlin SO 36, Adalbertstrasse 23a.<br>Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke,<br>Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63). |         |               |
| 2. | <u>British Zone:-</u> |        |   | Total   | persons       |
|    | (a)                   |        | <u>Area Hamburg and Holstein</u>  |         | <u>21,000</u> |
|    |                       | 7      | Distribution Centres,   |         |               |
|    |                       | 11     | Children's Homes  |         |               |
|    |                       | 3      | Hospitals   |         |               |
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|    | (b)                   |        | <u>Area Hannover, Niedersachsen.</u>  |         |               |
|    |                       | 4      | Distribution Centres,   |         |               |
|    |                       | 2      | Children's homes  |         |               |
|    |                       | 1      | Hospital  |         |               |
|    | Persons:-             | 1,800  |   |         |               |
|    | Information by:-      |        | Gemeinschaft der durch die Nuerberger Ge= setze Betroffenen. Hannover-Kleefeld,<br>Fichtestrasse 30.<br>Pastor W. Thomas, Welfare Work c/o Major P.J. Clarke, 111 Mil. Gov. Hildesheim, B.A.O.R.  |         |               |
|    | (c)                   |        | <u>Area Nord Rheinprovinz and Westfalen:-</u>   |         |               |
|    |                       | 5      | Distribution Centres,   |         |               |
|    |                       | 2      | Children's Homes  |         |               |
|    |                       | 1      | Hospital  |         |               |
|    | Persons:-             | 8,500  | (including Roman Catholics)   |         |               |
|    | Information by:-      |        | S. Berkowitz, Geschaeftsfuehrer, Christliches Hilfswerk fuer Rassenverfolgte, Koeln, Bismarckstrasse 13.<br>Superintendent H. Encke, Koeln-Riehl<br>Am Botanischen Garten 72  |         |               |

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4. French Zone!:-

|  | Total | persons | 2,200 |
|--|-------|---------|-------|
|--|-------|---------|-------|

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(continued)

Information with regard to the spiritual side of our work can be given by our Headquarters in LONDON, and further by the following friends and co-workers with whom we are connected; some are doing Missionary work in their own organisation:-

- 1) Lic. Studiendirektor R. H. Rengstorf, Geschaeftsfuehrer des evangelischen Lutherischen Centralvereins fuer Mission unter Israel, (20 Kloster Loccum, ueber Wunstorf, Hannover, British Zone.
- 2) Pfarrer K.E. Wilken, (17a) Mannheim-Kaeftal, Luth.Pfarramt, Speckweg 172.
- 3) Missionarpfarrer Theo Burgstahler, (14a ULM a/D. Gutenbergstrasse 9, U.S.Zone
- 4) Kreisdekan H. Maas, (17a) Heidelberg, Beethovenstrasse 64 American Zone,
- 5) Sister Maly Kagan, Hilfsstelle fuer Rassisch Verfolgte, Frankfurt a/Main, Neue Schlesingerstrasse 24.
- 6) Pfarrer Majer-Leonhard, (14a) Stuttgart-Feuerbach, Stuttgarter Strasse 133.
- 7) Pfarrer Henninger, Innere Mission c/o Mil. Gov. Munich, Muenchen, Blutenburgstrasse 71.
- 8) Pfarrer F. W. Hopf, Muehlhausen near Bamberg (Oberfranken) Arbeitsgemeinschaft fuer luth.Judenmission, Bayr.Pfarrer Verein.
- 9) Dr. med. G. Frohwein, (13a) Thuengen, Unterfranken
- 10) Missionsdirector P.G. Moeller, (14b) Bad Liebenzell, Wuerttemberg, French Zone.
- 11) Pastor Bruno Benfey, (20) Goettingen, Wiesenstrasse 2.
- 12) Pastor Lic. W. Thomas, (20a) Hildesheim, Gartenstrasse 6.
- 13) Pastor W. Zilz, Vorsitzender der Evang.Allianz in Deutschland, Diakonissenwerk "Friedenshort" Berleburg, Kreis Wittgenstein, at present Kreis Krankenhaus, Pinneberg, Holstein, British Zone.
- 14) Pastor Weber, Diakonissenanstalt Jerusalem, (24)Hamburg 6, Moorkamp 2.
- 15) Hauptpastor V. Herntrich, (24)Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel, Hummelsbuetteler Kirchweg 6.
- 16) Superintendent H. Encke, (22) Coeln-Riehl, Botanischer Garten 72.
- 17) Pastor W. Auerbach, Hamburg-Altona, BEhn Strasse 38.
- 18) Missionsschwester Martha Lauschke, Berlin-Frohnau, Fuerstendamm 63, French Sector.
- 19) Frau Grete Schepp-Merkel, (Chairman of "Deutscher Evang. Frauenbund "Bremen") Bremen, Park Allee 133
- 20) Bishop Dr. J.W. Ernst Sommer, Frankfurt a/Main-Ginnheim, Ginnheimer Landstrasse 180 Deutsche Methodistenkirche.

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1. September 1947

Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws

(continued)

Our RELIEF WORK is not officially supported by Churches, but voluntarily assisted by the MILDWY MISSION TO THE JEWS, the INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, the INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL, the FRIENDS OF ISRAEL MISSIONARY AND RELIEF SOCIETY in U.S.A. and kindred movements in Switzerland. The EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ALBERTA, Canada, is also working in connection with orphaned and part orphaned children and has arranged to support and house children of our Groups.

But the responsibility for the spiritual work rests with the German Churches, Groups and fellow-workers of the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel.

The enormous figure of 100,000 survivors, 80% of which belong to our group is generally unknown in the world, especially among the Christians who are now beginning to realise their responsibility towards these unfortunates with regard to their physical, economical and above all their spiritual needs, so well documented by the Jewish and Christian contributions to the United Jewish Relief Appeal, but we have to stress the fact, that the 80% of our group have suffered in the same way, because Hitler has persecuted the race as a whole, irrespective of faith, all have suffered in the same way, whether they belong to a Jewish Community or not.

The Christian Relief Work for Victims of Racial Laws, and the Groups, supporting the work, are fully conscious that the work is still in its infancy and that an immense task is still to be done. The daily reports from the distribution centres and individuals, S O S calls from every Zone shows only too clearly the despair and the loneliness and lack of any vision. The Hebrew-Christian sufferers, their families and those Jewish people, acknowledged officially as "Victims", but do not belong to the Jewish community experience that the Churches in Germany are engaged in putting their own house in order and are unable to cope with the tremendous task taken on of feeding and clothing the large numbers of Refugees belonging to their faith. They are relying entirely on the help which can be offered by the organisation and the helpers of the Relief Work.

Is there greater evidence needed for the necessity of our work?

80,000 are waiting for our help and should not the CHRISTIAN RELIEF WORK V.R.L. supporting more than 40 Distribution centres be granted the same privileges (team work, transport facilities etc.) which other Christian and Humanitarian Voluntary Relief Organisations and the Jewish Committees for Relief Abroad have been enjoying for a long time?

The above mentioned Societies welcome gratefully any sympathy and support which would enable them to buy and send with the permission of the authorities all necessary supplies, (clothes, food, medical help. equipment for children(s homes, etc) anything and everything is needed.

Any information how to help from England and abroad will be gladly given by the Director, Mr. H. Newmark, 42 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middx and the Deputy Secretary, Mr. H.R. Lesser, 1 Gayton Crescent, London, N.W.3

Mr Bishop (51)

Mr Crawford -

Mr Young (51)

the papers ~~at~~ <sup>he gets</sup> should deal  
with the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> R.R. Fix

1. I understand and ~~that~~ you have the papers  
on the Hebrew-Christian and other similar  
organizations and that discussions are to take  
place between the interested departments to  
establish clearly defined fields of responsibility.
2. Mr Chaput de Saint-ange wrote to  
the D.R.G. on the subject of Jewish  
and Hebrew-Christian organizations and I  
do not think we can allow Mr Leusen  
to go to Germany until this letter is  
answered.
3. I do not feel that food is a  
religious problem, but should I, pending  
discussions on the subject, tell Mr Leusen  
politely but firmly that he cannot go for  
the time being?

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Subject: Christian Relief Work for  
Victims of Racial Laws.

1 We sent to you on the 11th July, under the reference C8379/7678/180, two letters from the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel. The first of them, dated the 17th May, contained a request for permission to send temporary teams for relief work in Germany, the second, dated the 23rd June, covered a letter from Dr. J.W. Ernst Sommer writing as chairman of the Free Churches' Evangelische Hilfswerk.

2 We are still without your answer to our letter of the 11th July, and must now ask you for your urgent reply.

3 In the meantime we have had a further letter from the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel dated the 12<sup>th</sup> September, of which a copy is attached (it is understood that a separate copy was sent direct to Mr. Gwynne).

4 The matter is further complicated by an application from the International Hebrew Christian Alliance (of which the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel is a member) to send Mr. H.L. Ellison to make a two or three months' survey of the number, needs and distribution of the German non-Aryan Christians, at the request of the Ecumenical Refugee Commission. In this connection Mr. Levison's letter of the 29th July and Mr. Rees' letter of the 20th August are now copied to you. *T.F. SIA.*

5 We fear that this is somewhat complicated, but as suggested in paragraph 6 of your AHQ/11101/3/2/Sec.G of the 14th February, some consideration

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consideration seems to be due to the position of Christian Jews.

6 The Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel has for some time been attempting to secure recognition by C.O.B.S.R.A.; it does appear that they are succeeding in maintaining a good deal of contact with Germany, and in introducing a limited amount of relief supplies in individual parcels. C.O.B.S.R.A. are still undecided about their admission to their organisation, and of course would consult us before making a final decision; but they might well incline to favour admission unless we said that this would positively meet with our disapproval.

7 Mr. Rees' letter of the 20th August makes clear the authenticity of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance's interest in the matter, and there is much to be said for granting their request. The Alliance in fact deals with the claims of Jews already converted to Christianity to benefit under arrangements in the hands of I.R.O.: the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel on the other hand, which has as <sup>one</sup> ~~an~~ aim the conversion of Jews to Christianity, asks that it may be allowed to further its charitable relief work among those already converted. It will clearly not refrain from further missionary activities at the same time.

8 Should C.O.B.S.R.A. admit the Hebrew Christian Testimony to Israel, ~~it and~~ we shall have to ~~trust~~ <sup>trust</sup> it in much the same way as the other voluntary societies; Mr. Lesser's visit for example would have to be permitted.

9 We need advice on this problem urgently; in particular we need your assessment of Mr. Lesser's claims and the advisability of encouraging his activities, but we should also

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like to be able to reach a clear decision on all the points connected with the position of Christian Jews, and how far these visits and the activities arising from them are to be encouraged.

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THE INTERNATIONAL HEBREW CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

ST. NINIAN'S MANSE,  
150, FERRY ROAD,  
EDINBURGH, 6.

20th September, 1947

Ref. G. 18/30

F. Chitty, Esq.,  
Norfolk House,  
St. James's Square,  
London, S.W.1.

Dear Sir,

Not having received any answer to my last letter I called at your office in London on Tuesday. I was told that you were away and that your secretary was not in, but the young lady to whom I spoke said she would put the matter before your secretary and that she would call me up at our London Office and inform me of the position. Your secretary called up and left a message for me with our secretary. She instructed me to get into touch with the Home Office and give them the desired information upon which they may be able to act. In point of fact I went from your Office to 10, Old Bailey, and gave Mr. Hayse all the particulars that your secretary had indicated, owing to the fact that the Home Office section concerned with our affairs were moving into new premises, and files were not accessible it was difficult to get the matter settled on the spot, but I expect to hear from the Home Office that they are satisfied that we are carrying out the instructions they gave us for the admission of the children.

Your secretary also advised me to get into touch with "The Religious Section at Norfolk House". I called and met Mrs. Reeve. I explained to her the other matter which was troubling us, viz, the condition of the aged and infirm folk who for the present are no one's care. We cannot of course make plans in advance for these people, one would have to learn the extent of the problem, and the possibilities of meeting them. As I indicated in my last letter we receive about fifty thousand dollars from our American Alliance yearly, and we shall be prepared subject to Treasury permission to apply part of that money and other income to the care for these folk. I found out during my visit to London that E.R.C. are also contemplating doing something for these folk, and my committee instructed our recording secretary to intimate to E.R.C. that we would co-operate with them rather than undertake work of our own.

The foregoing is the position as far as I am concerned. Under present arrangements I can leave my work here from the 14th to the 30th of October, I want to spend one day in Holland with our Alliance, and then go on to Germany to the places indicated in my application. As you are aware I shall have to make arrangements with our friends in Germany to meet them on various dates, also the arrangements for travel from here and back, but I cannot move till I hear from you. I should be greatly obliged if you could indicate if the permit will be granted, or refused, so that I may make my arrangements accordingly. I should also be obliged for the return of the letter from the Bishop of Chichester, as it is a private letter and personal.

I am, dear Sir,  
Faithfully yours,

(Sgd) N. LEVISON

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES  
(in process of formation)

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20th August, 1947.

For the attention of Mr. Bishop.

Dear Mr. Bishop,

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Museum 6811 Ext-139.

With further reference to the application of Mr. Ellison for a Military Entry Permit to Germany and Austria, it appears that he has not stated the purpose of his journey as clearly as he might.

The Ecumenical Refugee Commission have an agreement made originally with the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees and subsequently confirmed by the International Refugee Organisation, whereby we are to submit proposals to I.R.O. for the expenditure of that 10% of the Reparations Fund established by the Five Power Conference in Paris for the rehabilitation of persecutees. The 90% is being dealt with by the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee.

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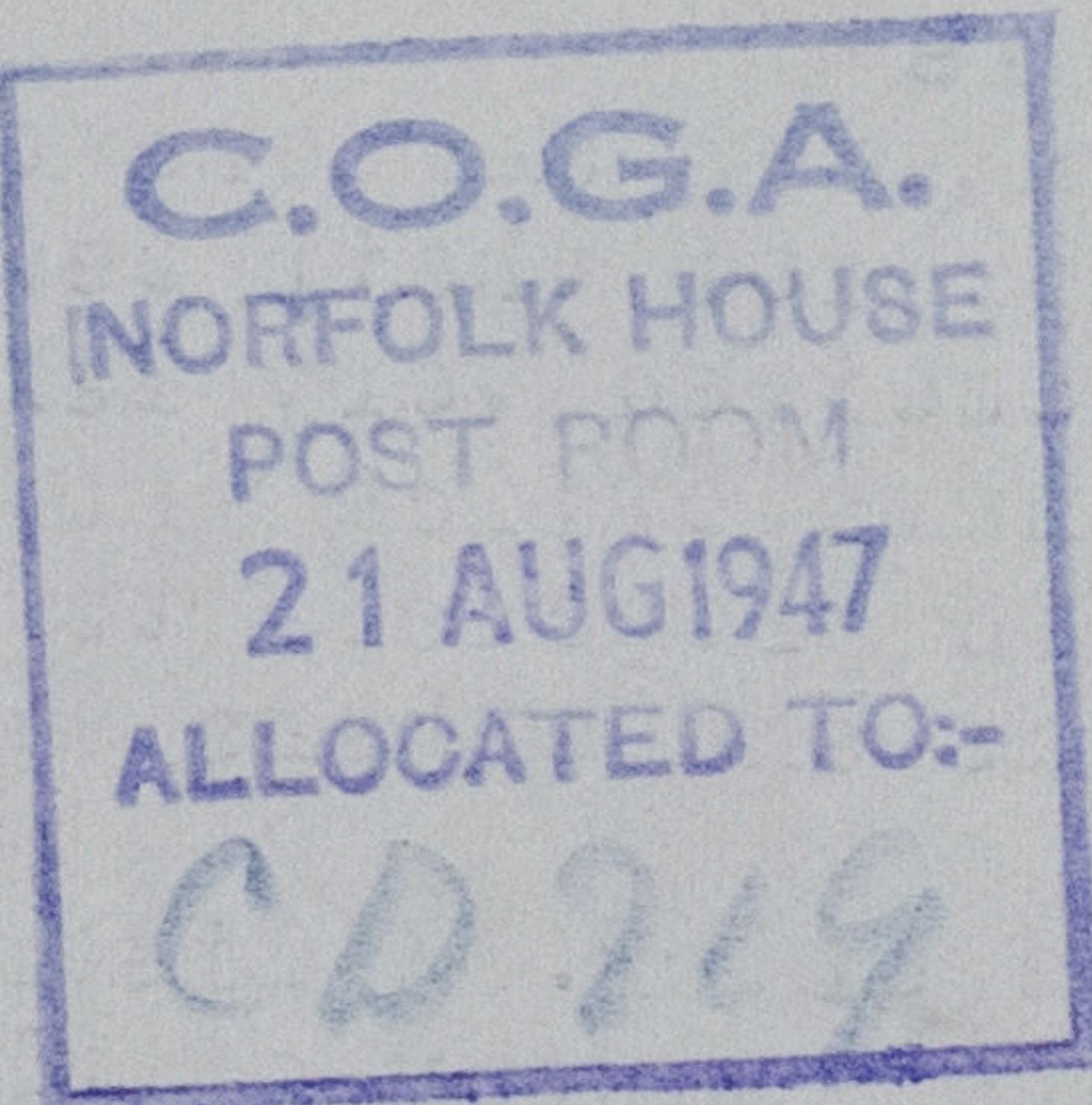
Our concern with members of Christian Churches who were persecuted either for their Jewish ancestry or other reasons. We have received very large numbers of applications and claims in our Geneva office and it would be quite impossible for us to submit valid proposals to I.R.O. without an investigation of these claims and others which will arise on the spot.

The purpose of Mr. Ellison's visit is quite definitely not a vague and general survey of the position of the non-Aryan Christians as most of this data is already in our possession. He is to go specifically to investigate and recommend on claims and schemes.

We trust that this clarification will enable the authorities to grant the entry permit.

The Foreign Office,  
Norfolk House, S.W.1.

Yours faithfully, *Rev E. H. REES*  
ECUMENICAL REFUGEE COMMISSION



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הנה מהד' טוב ומחנעים שבת אחיכם נמייחד—תחלים כל' נ. א.

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# The International Hebrew Christian Alliance

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The Lodge,  
14 Clyde Road,  
Wallington, Surrey.  
29th July, 1947.

~~GENERAL DEPT~~

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31 JUL 1947

Foreign Office (German Section),  
Travel Policy Dept.,  
Norfolk House.

Dear Sir,

I am not au fait with all the technicalities of the position, but as I understand it certain of the former tasks of the U.N.R.R.A. have been devolved by I.R.O. on certain other bodies, and in particular certain aspects of the care of German Non-Aryan Christians have been devolved on the World Council of Churches, which is handling them through one of its departments, the Ecumenical Refugee Commission.

Be that as it may the International Hebrew Christian Alliance was approached by Rev. Henry Carter, Chairman of the E.R.C., with the request that it would loan me to them for the purpose of a thorough survey of German non-Aryan Christians to ascertain their number, distribution and needs, this survey to take two to three months. The I.H.C.A. has agreed to the request.

I am therefore writing to ask you to take the necessary steps to procure me a permit to proceed to Germany to visit the three Western zones and Berlin; I trust your kind offices will also be extended to procuring me all facilities for travel, as it will be necessary for me to visit all the main centres of population. I need the permit too for Austria, as there are a certain number of these persons in that country. The validity of the permit should be, as already stated, three months.

I take the liberty of asking your good favours to procure a speedy answer. I want to leave the country already on September 17 or 18, as it is imperative that I should be in this country early in December, so if I cannot leave by mid-September, I shall not be able to carry through this pressing task before next year.

Further details may be obtained from the London Secretary of the Ecumenical Refugee Commission, Rev. Percy Ineson, 21 Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1.

I may add that I am a British subject and in possession of a valid passport.

I am, Sir,  
Yours truly,

F. L. Ellison

Mr. Dean

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German Education Dept. Reference.....

Would you be prepared to  
recommend this man for our sponsorship -

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Mr Simpson

Council of Christians + Jews

MUS 6811 ext-193.

Telephoned International Ecumenical Refugee Commission  
11 Aug 47. Werner away in Switzerland but Rees,  
who is well informed and has recently seen Werner  
will telephone in a day or two.

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14 Aug 47.

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London, N.W.3

Dear Mr. Lesser,

I thank you very much for the report on your recent visit to Germany. You can be assured that we shall always be interested in the work your organisation does for the victims of the racial laws.

Yours sincerely

signed E. Mejer.

Chief Delegate of the  
International Committee of  
the Red Cross Berlin.

